

## Chief Josiah Purdy and Sergeant Jacob Nohl: Lightning from a Clear Sky

On August 23, 1879, one of the most tragic and fascinating stories in the history of the department occurred. It is a story of a life forfeited too early and, in the aftermath, the department losing one of its bravest and most respected chiefs.

Sergeant Jacob Nohl was appointed to the department on October 6, 1875. He was a Civil War veteran who had been captured by the enemy during a battle near Atlanta and relegated to the notorious Andersonville prison camp. He made his escape during a prisoner transfer to Savannah and, after several days spent in the swamps, succeeded in reaching the Savannah River where he found an old, leaky boat without oars. Using a salvaged box lid as an oar, he paddled the river eluding Rebel soldiers until he reached safety. Nohl was described in the Toledo Blade as “a noble-hearted, generous, brave man, with high conceptions of duty, and fearless in doing it.”

Captain (the rank of captain was equivalent to chief at the time) Josiah Purdy was also a veteran of the Civil War who had been captured by Confederate soldiers in a battle near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on April 13, 1862. Purdy made a daring escape and eventually made his way to the safety of a Union camp. He was one of the original 19 men appointed to the department in 1867 and was respected not only in the community, but by the rank and file whom he commanded.

On Saturday, August 23, 1879, Jacob arrived at the station with a basket to be used for his family's provisions later that day. One of his colleagues showed him a letter in the Toledo Daily Commercial written by a well-known local crook and confidence man, Ross Saulsbury. Saulsbury had been arrested by Jacob the Wednesday before and was holding a grudge. The rambling letter was insulting to Jacob and after reading it, he became furious.

Jacob's gun was broken, so he took it to be fixed by a fellow policeman, urging him to do it quickly. He then went to see Josiah Purdy and requested bullets from him, saying he was going to find Saulsbury and demand that he retract his statements. Jacob stated that if Saulsbury did not agree, he would likely kill him. Purdy urged Jacob to reflect on this and to think of his family, and believing himself successful calming Jacob, gave him the bullets. Jacob then picked up his newly repaired gun and left the building, telling others on his way what he intended to do.

Nohl found him at a saloon that Saulsbury owned with his brother-in-law. Witness accounts stated that Jacob faced Saulsbury and asked him if he would recant what he had written. When Saulsbury refused, Jacob raised his revolver and shot Saulsbury twice and then raised the gun to his own head and pulled the trigger. Both men were rushed to the police station where Saulsbury died first. Jacob lingered for some hours and finally succumbed.

Jacob's funeral was attended by three thousand citizens lining the street to Woodlawn Cemetery. The shock waves rippled for many days after. When it was learned that the Police Board was planning to remove Purdy as Captain, a protest was signed by businessmen and citizens denouncing the move, and his men planned endeavors to prevent his removal. As for Purdy, he stated “I'm not going to resign by a long ways. If they want to prefer charges or declare the office vacant, they can do so, but there is too much game about me to beat an inglorious retreat.” Purdy was eventually relieved of his command.

The strong bond that Nohl and Purdy shared became poignantly evident in this Toledo Blade article, when Chief Purdy was quoted: “Sergeant Nohl was a brave man, one of the very bravest of the very brave men with whom I have met and been associated. Wherever I had to go where I wanted only men of iron nerve and unflinching courage to depend upon, the first man I always called for was,’ and here the stout voice of the old chief melted away to a sob. ‘Many a night,’ continued the Captain, ‘have we stayed together all night in some store where burglars were expected to work, and where their entrance upon the premises meant a terrible hand to hand struggle with the reckless outlaws, and perhaps death of someone. At the time of the first express robbery case some five years ago, he was along with me where we had the fearful struggle on the icy platform of the car.’”

It is highly probable that fourteen or more years after the Civil War, Jacob suffered what we know today as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Of course there is no way to prove this, but it would explain what the August 25th article in the Toledo Blade reported of the tragedy “coming as suddenly and unexpectedly as lightning from a clear sky.”



system of interest will be considered, and a full attendance of members and all others desiring to co-operate in the work of the Society, is desired.

The new Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company's new building is nearly finished; in fact the lower story will soon be ready for occupancy. Mr. R. Birkenhead is opening a restaurant and saloon here about the 15th inst. The block will be a decided improvement to Madison street.

While all this sympathy is being expressed for the poor policeman and street car drivers, who are obliged to be out during this tempestuous weather, why don't some one cast a pitying upon the poor reporter who has to stem the current at all hours of the day and night, no matter how cold it is or how hard the wind blows. Give him a little credit, at least, for his endurance.

Wow! Didn't the wind just whizz around the corners this forenoon. Summit street was about deserted, every one, except those whom necessity compelled to be out, staying within doors. The air was full of little icy particles, which the fierce wind drove into one's eyes and ears and nose, and even through great overcoats and heavy shawls. Old Boreas was celebrating New Year's on the 2d.

The Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment went to Norwalk last evening to attend the second annual reception of the Western Reserve Light Guards, Capt. E. C. Culp, which was a very brilliant affair. During the visit the Colonel inspected the Company, and found everything in the best state. "G" Company, under Capt. Culp, is one of the best in the Regiment, and can successfully stand any number of "inspections."

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners last night, 15 names were approved as Special Police. Capt. Purdy made some remarks in connection with his report, in which he strongly urged that arrangements be made for a suitable morgue outside of the Police Station. A resolution for action in regard to this subject was referred to Messrs. Vollmeier, Monroe, and Mayor Jones, who are to consult with the County Commissioners.

The Police Court docket blossomed out this morning with "A Happy New Year" for a first entry, in the smooth, regulation hand of Clerk Bronson. Just below it was penciled, in Deputy Keip's modest fist—"And not a drunk." Which the same was a historical fact, and quite a notable one for the first day following the supposed gales of New Year's. On the opposite page the first of Judge Harrington's entries of the disposal of some read simply and solemnly: "Old Year discharged."

**PAVING VERMIN.**—At the last annual session, the following officers were elected for the year 1879:  
President—Mrs. Johanna Marx.  
Vice President—Mrs. Rosenthal.  
Secretary—Mrs. Dr. Jungbluth.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Ida Hill.

**POLICE COURT RECORD.**—William Towley, for disturbance, was assessed \$1.50.

Richards, for petit larceny, in taking three cords of the City's wood, was confined.

Louis Richards and William Wappenstein were charged on complaint of Barbara Polson with breaking windows and raising a breeze generally. They were fined \$5.00 and \$5 respectively.

David Barnett, larceny of overcoat, \$5 fine.  
Henry Ward, on complaint of Matilda Campbell, for raising a disturbance.

which stand in Toledo and elsewhere. Mr. Malone has had an efficient assistant in the person of John P. Freeman, who, as Superintendent of the building, has had more immediate supervision of the details of the work. The designs for the structure were adopted from those furnished by Mr. C. C. Miller, of Chicago, who is also known by his works in this as well as in other Cities.

About the middle of March, the contractors broke ground for the work, which, after a tedious delay, caused by unfavorable spring weather, was pushed along all the season as rapidly as a due regard for solidity would allow. Everything moved along smoothly, the unfortunate elevator accident being the only mishap that occurred on the job.

**THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING** viewed from some neighboring point, is very imposing. Severely plain in style, and without any meaningless ornamentation, it unites several features of the classic architecture, and the whole is well in keeping with the use for which it was intended.

The structure stands 165 feet high, containing five stories and a basement—fronting 120 feet on St. Clair and the same on Madison street. It is substantially and neatly built of brick, with plain stone trimmings. Over each of the main entrances on Madison and St. Clair street, is a large portico, with appropriate columns. Over the cornice above both the main entrances is the inscription

1878,  
PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Spacious corridors on each floor make all the rooms and offices convenient of access, while the ascent from one floor to another can be easily and comfortably made by the 12 wide flights of stairs which are of easy grade. What would interest the visitor more than the stairs, however, is

**THE SPLENDID ELEVATOR**, built by the Hale Elevator Company, of Chicago. It is on the water balance principle, and while considered perfectly safe, it is remarkably rapid, going up or down, if allowed to, more like a streak of lightning than a freight platform.

The wainscoting of the halls and stairs is finely wrought in black walnut, which together with the walnut doors were manufactured in Mr. Malone's shop.

The compartments on the different floors are conveniently divided off into

**BUSINESS OFFICES**

and rooms, not only single offices, but arranged in desirable suites of two, three, and four. These offices are fitted up in magnificent style for the transaction of business, having solid black walnut double doors, fine polished walnut trimmings. Each of the offices is also provided with a fire place and grate and a marble mantle, and most of them with fire-proof vaults. The latter are surrounded by a solid brick wall two feet thick, with arches above and below two feet thick, and have double iron doors put in by Diebold & Company of Canton, O. These are securely fastened by Yale combination locks. The offices all have also the necessary gas connections and steam heating apparatus.

**THE BOARD OF TRADE ROOM**

is situated in the third story of the "L" or wing, facing St. Clair street, and is finely calculated for its intended purpose, being capacious and well lighted and ventilated. Its dimensions are 40x33 feet in the clear, and 20 feet high. It has a large opening in the ceiling in the shape of a dome, surmounted by a skylight at the top of the wing. There are 12 windows on the front and the same number on the rear side of the room. On the back side, that is opposite the entrance, is the raised platform for the President and Secretary, while in the front or entrance side, is a large gallery for visitors.

One of the attractive features of this room is the elegant frescoing, done by Almini, the fresco artist of Chicago. The walls are crossed both perpendicularly and horizontally by beautiful bands of blue and gold, and equally beautiful designs traverse the ceiling in different directions. The emblematical figures are also very fine. In the large arch above the President's stand is the great seal of the State of Ohio, above that the Coat of Arms of the United States, and still higher, figures representing Liberty and Commerce. Scattered around the ceiling are also other fine

as to show that Toledoans know a good thing when they see it, and are always ready to take advantage of the same.

Below will be found a full and correct list of the occupants of the rooms, beginning with the

**FIRST FLOOR.**

- Room No. 1 (33x50) Northern National Bank.
- No. 2, Canada Southern Railroad Company.
- No. 3, Hoosatic Tunnel Line.
- No. 4, W. A. Rundell.
- No. 5, 6 and 7, Canada Southern.
- No. 8, Wabash Elevator Company office.
- No. 9, W. E. Foster.
- No. 10 and 11, Toledo Fire & Marine Insurance Co.
- No. 12, Kountz & Dewey.

**SECOND FLOOR.**

- No. 13, 14 and 23, Milimine & Bodman.
- No. 15, Richards, Moore & Co.
- No. 16, 17, 18, 19, George E. Williams.
- No. 20, 21, Blass & Chapin.
- No. 22, Western Union Telegraph Company.
- No. 23, Andrews & Southard.
- No. 24, 25, 26 and 27, Reynolds Bros.

**THIRD FLOOR.**

- No. 29, 30, and 35, Carrington & Casey.
- No. 31, Secretary and Directors' room.
- No. 32, Grain Inspector.
- No. 33, A. W. Coiton & Co., Agents Wabash and Erie Fast Freight Line.
- Nos. 34 and 35, W. T. Walker & Co.
- Nos. 36 and 37, H. D. Walbridge.

**FOURTH FLOOR.**

- Nos. 39 and 40, Wells Bros.
- Nos. 41 and 42, Crabbs, Bellman & Co.
- No. 43, Houghton & Toulerton.

**FIFTH FLOOR.**

With the exception of a few small offices, this floor is entirely taken up by the United States Court, giving a suite of rooms said to be among the finest for the purpose in the West or East either.

**SIZE AND RENTAL.**

The size of the rooms varies somewhat on the different floors, but in general the dimensions of the single rooms may be said to average 15x30 feet, some of them being wider than that, and some longer.

The rental varies, of course, according to the floor and location. On the first floor offices are rented at \$500 to \$700; second floor, \$400 to \$600; third floor, \$300 to \$500; fourth floor, \$150 to \$250.

**A BRIEF SUMMARY**

of the evidence shows that this magnificent structure which is to be the pride of Toledo for years to come, was wisely planned and honestly built. It is as near fire-proof as it is possible to have it. Its cost was \$100,000, including the lots, three-fourths of which was for labor, and most of that amount expended in this community. American material alone was used. It is a matter of National pride that not a dollar's worth of anything was imported for the building; and of local pride that the brainwork, skill and material resources of this City and State were most largely drawn upon for its construction.

**THE COLD WAVE AGAIN.**—Some people think it was cold here last night and this morning, with the thermometer running from 2 to 5 below zero. It may be some comfort, even cold comfort, to know that at Chicago this morning the thermometer showed 14 below zero; at Milwaukee, 18 below; at Madison, Wis., 21 below, and at Bismarck, Dakota Territory, 29 below.

This forenoon the predictions at the Signal Office were that it would be much colder here to-night than for any time during the winter. Since noon, word comes that at Elkhart, Ind., and Chicago, at 12 M., it was 20° below. The cold wave is gradually heading down on us from the Northwest, and to night will probably be the coldest known here for years.

One of the inconvenient features of the situation is the sharp, cutting wind, which has been blowing part of the time this morning at the rate of 30 miles per hour.

Last night at midnight there was very mild weather, with considerable snow falling.

Indigestion, dyspepsia, nervous prostration, and all forms of general de-

seem to be one of the had to force off the bed are bringing greenbacks in p

"Has there been any change in the coin?" "Not a bit. People have ex currency, and I could get the coin if they do not want to come into the Bank. Beyond that the get small amount ever for coin."

"No one after for an advance?" "Not a single anybody? Numb is are earnestly and they will do it; they will do it along. Even of it. None of purpose. There can make it a good would it out?"

"This, of our the country?" "Certainly, there will be a will see when it night, that there tom of a run will have passed anybody trouble. The banks at any demand up."

"Yes, never making prepara time. Capital b on very safe gr bank has got it all possible cont as specie resumi be any. There son to expect it."

"But what I made for resumi?" "O, as far as have been recei about \$10,000 in c from the Govern have let other b ourselves, wher customers to tal "What, do yo fact on business."

"O, good, good Everything worl People have loo now that it has a trouble, it show really struck ha will go ahead w they have not fel

**CASHIER** of the Toledo Nat the order of succ nothing but cal about his quarter Teller Jones had in fact, The bar with a stock of mand upon it, I want it. They two or three wee got rid of only I probably gone f and pocket piece; and willing to re gold, or pay depo Mr. Van Hoesen any such dema People did not w

**MR. GROU** President of the found in his priv "No," said Mr. been the slighte sion in moneyed ipate any. We v ral days ago, but solving more gol have paid out."

"You do not ex at all then?" "No, not any t are prepared to re culation, or pay c on demand. Or greenbacks. Any have with a legiti can have it satis greenbacks, as h can see no co which a man wo our customers, Y A. King & Co., they want money to send out into t produce. They I because the exp less, and it is bar "What is your c to the effect up country?"

Jan. 2, 1879



P. Scott received five votes, for

Scott having received a majority  
was duly elected patrolman.

May 15, 1872

moved to adjourn. Lost Ayes 4. Nays

now moved to proceed to the election  
of police. Carried.

G. W. Brown, Henry  
B. Purdy and Thomas Quigley  
were elected as follows: J. C. Purdy 1. H. Stricker  
G. W. Brown - 3. No choice.

Quigley - 3. Stricker 3. Quigley - 3. No choice.  
Purdy 5. and Henry Stricker 4.

\* Purdy having received a majority of  
votes was duly elected Captain of Police.

Board adjourned.

J. T. Greer  
Secretary

# Presentation Application

The Secretary presented the Application of  
and / Frank Herald of late as Special  
as applicants as members of the Co

By Lippitt that said applications be refer

Sept. 17, 1879

# Resolution of

By Beaus - Resolved by the  
Soledo, that Josiah C. Purdy Cap  
of Police for said city be and is h  
position of Captain and acting  
for said City of Soledo.

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Lost

On adoption of Mr Beaus Resol  
Messrs Beaus Lippitt Munroe Baumba



Applications for

Application of John Mack Dennis Sleah  
as Special Policeman, and former  
of the Toledo Police Force;

which be referred to the committee on Applications

of the  
Committee on Applications

by the Police Board of the City of  
Purdy Captain and acting Supt  
and is hereby removed from said  
acting Superintendent of Police

Resolution be laid on the table  
Last. Apr 3. May 6.  
and Resolution <sup>as amended follows.</sup> ~~as follows~~ was carried  
Mr. Baumback. Municipal. and Mayor. Ben

Purdy, J. C.

Toledo and Lucas County

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" " Chas Gable	Wages	30. <sup>00</sup>	-	Total	448. <sup>40</sup>
" " H. Neel	Sundries	14. <sup>00</sup>	-		

Special Police Power was granted to Frank Conners & Michael Wallace while in the employ of the City to serve with-out pay.

On motion Lieut <sup>instructed</sup> was detailed men for duty at Fair grounds during fair.

Applications of Alex Christ & B. C. for position on the force referred to Committee on Application

Charges were preferred against the following officers. to-wit John Brady drunkenness on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August - J. C. Mc Mahan absent from duty with-out leave so could not be found on post on the morning of Sept 12<sup>th</sup> James Wall could not be found on post on the morning of Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Herman Limke leaving City with-out permission - J. Haddy & Chas Mc Lure standing and talking to-gether for nearly an hour. Morris Moriarity could not be found by Sergt on the night of Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Wm St. Lorenby leaving the City with-out permission - John Knorr sleeping while on duty on the night of Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick Kenney could not be found by Sergt on the morning of Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

Secy instructed to notify said officers to appear at next meeting of the Board ready for trial.

\* Resignation of Capt J. C. Purdy as Chief of Police was presented and on motion of Mr Dickens accepted.

Mr Vollmayer moved that the resolution of Mr Dickens declaring the office of Chief vacant be indefinitely postponed

Carried

Health Officer instructed to furnish virus for Dist Physician  
 On motion the Board adjourned to meet Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to elect a Chief

John J. Hayden  
 Secy

Sept. 2, 1885

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That an Electric light be placed  
in the alley cor of Station - house  
Carried.

Application for Position as Patrol - driver of John  
Clear and Chas Parks  
referred to Com on app

Communication from Albert Nagle in regard to a pair  
of Praxels he found one year ago and as they had  
never been claimed he asked they be returned to him  
on motion the request was granted

Application for position on the force of Michael Brady  
C. W. Buchle Frank Selipie John W. Bates Henry Kart  
Alonzo McKinley  
referred to Com on app

\* Application of J. C. Purdy for the position of Chief  
of Police \*  
referred to Com on app

Resolution from Common Council granting Police  
Board power to <sup>have</sup> iron steps built at Superior St  
entrance at Central Station  
referred to Com on Station

Nov. 7, 1883  
Mr Polan  
of Police  
That the Board proceed to elect a Chief  
Carried

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On ballot J. C. Purdy was elected Chief of Police \*  
Mr Polan that we proceed to elect a meat and milk  
inspector  
Carried

On ballot Patrick H. Owens Jr was elected inspector



Mr. Carby Daniel Hobart John Trutchler C. S. Satter offered a  
Comm. or application  
Officer Chery to be laid on table for one year. carried

Mr. Pickens that an alarm box be located at Kings grocers  
North Toledo and City Park carried

Communication from Long shoemans Union requesting that two  
Policemen be detailed to accompany their excursion to Sandus  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August was in motion granted.

Mr. Pickens offered the following resolution.

Whereas It is im-  
portant in view of exigencies liable to occur that the head of  
the Police Department of this City should be fully Commissioned  
and Chief with all the authority and responsibility thus implied  
and Whereas: The present incumbent Capt. J. C. Purdy has been  
rendered incapable of discharging the duties of the position of  
Chief of Police for several months past by reason of physical  
disability therefore

Resolved - By this Board of Police Commissioners  
that the office of the said Chief of Police be and hereby is, declared  
vacant

Resolved as the sense of this Board, that we extend to Capt  
Purdy our sincere sympathy in this time of his affliction

Aug. 5, 1885

That we lay the resolution on table for two weeks Mr. Coyle  
carried

Mr. Vollmayer  
That he sees report the names of persons having  
special police power with-out making account for Badge and  
whistle carried

Health Officer offered the following resolution as  
an amendment to the Journal of July 17<sup>th</sup> 1885

Resolved - by  
Board of Health of the City of Toledo. That the sum of \$22.75



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INGS. 40,000 In-

Last even-... planing... unable... worth of which em-

Newton's \$8,000; A... opera-house... tin shop, buildings, \$1,000; Brown & Ding's Man-works, \$40,000; iron works, evaporator and saw factory, \$1,200; Ba-000—total, will not ex-

TH. Cut Open, ed.

Friday a re-... per-... general hos-... of this... McCarthy teeth. The sh was al-... tinent grew... it be-... relief was... Dr. Rich-... cent in... through... drawn out... insertion... arson was... with the... the exter-... stitches... pleted in 45... g well, and... considered

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ow learned... board the... day. They... to "The... L. Hayden, sons, Fred... ars respect-... m P. Hen-... in P. Hen-... and... s 24 years... Dorchester, Mr. Hen-... ed in South... party were... he fact that... ngular.

he fire at... rel. Three... house and... estimated

Corn was steady but firm on about the basis of yesterday.

Toledo Grain Market.

At the Toledo Produce Exchange to-day, cash wheat was active and higher, closing steady but firm. No. 2 soft Red closed at 80c, 1c advance. No. 2 soft Red to arrive—opened trade at 79 1/2c. No. 3 soft Red D. & M. started at 77 3/4c, 3/4c up. No. 3 soft Red Wabash, 78c; No. 3 soft Red in "Union," 77 3/4c; No. 2 Red, regular, 76c; No. 3 Red, 72c; No. 2 White, in "Union," Wabash and Lake Shore, 75c. For future delivery was a good movement in Ny. Soft Red wheat. Prices were firm, closing higher.

Table with columns: Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. Sales to-day, Yesterday, Seller August, Seller September, Seller October, Seller finally

Cash corn sold light at steady prices, No. 2, 44 1/2c; No. 3, 43 1/2c. Clover seed steady; seller September, \$5.35; seller October, \$5.35. Oats—No. 2, 28 3/4c. Rye—No. 2, 5 1/2c.

Exhibits of receipts and shipments as shown at the Produce Exchange to-day:

RECEIPTS.—Flour, bbls., 272; wheat, bu., 123,673; corn, bu., 9,424; oats, bu., 6,947; rye, bu., 1,758.

SHIPMENTS.—Flour, bbls., 646; wheat, bu., 172,330; corn, bu., none; oats, bu., 2,550; rye, bu.,

Inspected in to-day: Wheat, cars—No. 2 White, 1; No. 2 soft Red, 102; No. 3 soft Red, 39; No. 2 Red, 2; No. 3 Red, 3; No. 4 Red, 1; rejected Red, 5; not graded, 2; total, 155. Corn, cars—No. 2, 4; No. 3, 2; No. 3 Yellow, 1; total, 7. Oats cars—No. 2 white, 1; No. 2, 1; total, 2. Rye, cars—No. 2, 4.

The following are the receipts and shipments of grain at different points for the past 24 hours.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS (Wheat, Corn, Oats) and SHIPMENTS (Wheat, Corn, Oats) for Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Toledo.

General Produce.

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—Wheat—Market stronger; No. 1 white, cash, 77 3/4c; Michigan red cash, 79 3/4c, bid; No. 2 red cash, 79 3/4c bid; September, 80 3/4c, bid; October, 82c. Corn—No. 2, 45c nominal. Oats—No. 2, 29c nominal; No. white, 32 1/2c.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 13.—Flour firm. Wheat strong and higher at 75 1/2-76c. Corn quiet and unchanged at 42 1/2-42 3/4c. Oats dull at 28c. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Whisky dull; sales 300 barrels finished goods on a basis of \$1.07.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Wheat—Market strong and higher; cash, 77 1/2c; September, 78 3/4c; October, 80 1/4c. Corn—Steady; cash, 43 1/2c; September, 44 1/2c; October, 45 1-16c. Oats—Firm; cash, 27 5-16c; September, 28 3/4c; October, 29 1/2c. Rye, 61c. Barley, 60 1/2c. Flaxseed, \$1.15. Prime timothy, \$1.05. Whisky, \$1.12. Pork steady; cash, \$9.00; September, \$9.70; October, \$9.77 1/2-30. Lard firm; cash, \$7.20; September, \$7.22 1/2; October, \$6.72 1/2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; market active and strong; light, \$4.00

there was a scattering without much more fighting. However, after the caucus some of the politicians and ward strikers adjourned to the neighboring dives and had it out. The big row was in Thressa Pflock's place on Washington street, at 1 o'clock this morning which resulted in a number of them being arrested, namely: Thressa Pflock, Harriet Thompson, Charles Allen, Frank Ritter, Joseph Staub, Remmerly and G. O. Martin. Martin and Allen were fined \$15 and costs, and Harriet Thompson the costs in police court this morning. The others were discharged. Ritter, Staub and Remmerly are delegates to the convention from the Fourth. They gave their names as Litter Straub and Rumly in court.

FT. MEIGS'S TWO VOTES.

Showing that the Grand Old Fort Was the Most Popular Place After All.

Said Dr. Nevins to-day: "I met Col. Dill in Mansfield the day after the committee appointed to select the site for the Soldiers' Home had met at Dayton, and being anxious to know how the question had decided, inquired after the result. "It has been decided to locate the Home at Sandusky," said Col. Dill. "How close did Ft. Meigs come to getting the Home?" I inquired. "Ft. Meigs got two votes again and again, but Sandusky won the Home," was the reply.

This shows conclusively that Ft. Meigs was the site that would have been selected by that committee had there been any justice in the decision. These two men must have come from the towns which were disinterested, while the three men from towns competing for the site voted continually for their own towns. Finally, owing to Mack's influence, and finding that they would be compelled to decide the location themselves and not rely upon men so narrow-minded as to stick by their own towns they settled upon Sandusky.

Funeral of Capt. J. C. Purdy.

The funeral of Capt. J. C. Purdy occurred at his residence on Lagrange street this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Bacon conducted the service. The G. A. R. and policemen turned out in full force. The attendance of friends and relatives was very large. The floral decorations, were among the finest ever seen in the city, among the being a G. A. R. badge and a floral sword and shield. The pall-bearers were the four police commissioners and four Grand Army men.

Contracts Awarded.

The contracts on stone road No. 4 were awarded this morning as follows; Section 5—Patrick Garrigan—Grading, 13 cents per sq yd.; 4-inch tile, 4 cents, lineal foot; sewer pipe, 53 cents per lineal foot; masonry, \$22 ger cord; macadamizing, \$17.75.

Section 3 and 4—Stone & Schreiner—Grading, 13 cents; tile, 4 cents; glazed tile, 35 cents; masonry, \$18; macadamizing, \$18.

Cricket—Toledo vs. Ypsilanti.

The match announced to be played yesterday between the above mentioned clubs has been indefinitely postponed, the Michigan team having wired at the last minute that they were unable to keep their engagement.

A match has been arranged between the Toledo and the Peninsular cricket club of Detroit, to be played at Detroit Friday, August 20.

too cowardly to sign their name, taking his life and the lives of his family does not pay to Mrs. M. A. Smiley sum of money which the writer that he owes her.

A BLADE reporter was shown a letter evidently written in a hand, signed "Dynamiters," and addressed to Mr. Bartlett, threatening to blow his residence up with dynamite if the claim was not speedily forthcoming. It is needless to say that no money was sent to the aid of the dynamiters.

Said Mr. Bartlett: "I have been persecuted in many different ways. No one ever invented so many fiendish plots as I have been made the victim of. The story of all is a long one and I rather not make it public. But I have gone so far that I am willing to give an explanation of certain matters. Do you see this?"

Mr. Bartlett handed a reporter a card written in red ink. It read as follows:

Mr. M. Bartlett: I want you to remove the body of my wife from off my lot at Forest cemetery.

Mrs. M. A. S. "That child was buried thirteen years ago," said Mr. Bartlett. "Of course not remove the body now. The child was buried there with the consent and permission of Mrs. Smiley.

"In a notice of the suit of Mr. Smiley vs. M. Bartlett, recently published in the BLADE, you state that judgment rendered for the plaintiff and the property in question was real estate. This is a mistake. The suit was commenced against me by Mrs. Smiley for property which she claimed that I had in my possession. The evidence shows I hadn't a dollar of her property in my possession. Mrs. Smiley's mother, relative of my wife, and she is now at my house. She had in her room a certificate, given to her husband 33 years ago. This Mrs. Smiley claimed, and Scott rendered judgment against me because he said it was in my house. My mother, Mrs. Smiley's sister, Mrs. Smiley's son all swore that it belonged to Mrs. Smiley. I don't claim it; I never claimed it; I never wanted it; and I submit that the finding of the justice against me for an amount of \$5 is an injustice. I would appeal it, if it took every dollar that I have to fight the case.

"I have been here 33 years, and I owe any one in the city a single cent. Mrs. Smiley was a former partner of mine. I purchased his interest in the store. I never had anything to do with Mrs. Smiley. I settled the matter with the administrator and through the probate court. I will have nothing to do with Mrs. Smiley. I have let her alone, and I only wish she would let both me and my family alone.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Miss Flora K. Timpany, of Canton, O., will be the guest of Miss Kate...

Stephen Brick, who was arrested for the Common Pleas court on assault with intent to murder, was in the jail this morning.

George Shonker, who was arrested for keeping the peace before Judge Smith's court this morning. It is a case from Justice Scott's court.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR SALE—A...



...quite different from a sleeping car, t  
and I don't think I should like to sh  
an engine."—Chicago Herald.

investigations of Diseases from Sm  
A writer in the *British Medical Jo*  
after referring to the disagreement  
surgeons as to whether smoking m  
immediate cause of cancer, remark  
there is a condition of the tongue  
in many cases, is the precursor of e  
thoma—namely: "leucoplakia" and th  
ease is more generally considered  
caused by smoking. The fact is pr  
out that, among 75 recorded cases, a  
four were smokers. One authority  
shown that leucoplakia may be the  
ing point of epithelioma, and out o  
above mentioned number of cases, 4  
veloped epithelioma, and in one only  
there a family history of cancer. An  
authority states that, out of 55 cas  
cancer of the tongue, about one-f  
had been the seat of leucoplakia.

Watermelons in Sand-Wastes.  
A traveler in the deserts of Sou  
Africa has seen watermelons growi  
sand-wastes and thinks they could be r  
great advantage in some of our We  
deserts.

Time to Go.  
Clara (Bobby's big sister)—I heard fa  
telling you a little while ago, Bobby.  
Bobby—Did he say Robert or Bobby?  
Clara—He said Robert.  
Bobby (with a serious look in his ey  
when I guess I'd better see what he wa  
*Harper's Bazar*.

**HAPPY THOUGHT RANG**  
IS TO BE  
**GIVEN AWAY**  
THE TRI-STATE FAIR NEXT MON  
NO THE PRETTIEST BABY IN ATTEN  
ANCE.  
This Range is perfect, and a beauty. S  
ing, Clapp & Briggs, Cherry and Huron str  
I give the Range, and it can be seen at t  
re.



Look for  
The  
Between

**SWEEPING**  
**RED CO**

**Harvest Excursion to the West.**

The popular Wabash route will run three Harvest Excursions to the land points in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, on August 17, September 7 and 27 at about half rates. Tickets are first class and good forty days, with liberal stop over privileges. Holders of these tickets can purchase round trip extension tickets to nearly all points in Kansas and Nebraska. This is the most favorable time of year to visit the west—and tourists, pleasure seekers and those in search of homes in the west will do well to call on Wabash agents for particulars. The Wabash is the shortest and best line for the west—Wagner palace sleeping cars, free reclining chair cars, peerless dining cars, and elegant day coaches attached to all through trains. For ticket rates and information call on Wabash agents, Boody house, Union depot and city office, 24 Summit street.  
J. A. GRANGER, Passenger Agt.

—See S. O. Schenck's advertisement for coal at reduced prices.

**EMPLOYEES' EXCURSION.**

Lasalle & Koch  
Will close their store Saturday, the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock, when the employees will be tendered a grand excursion and picnic to Point Place by the firm. The patrons of this house will please govern themselves accordingly, and do their trading in the morning.

—See \$5 Type-Writer ad. first page.

**ICE**  
Baw Beese Lake, Mich., is fed by springs; and it is from this lake that the Elevator Ice Co. get the ice for their city trade. Order from No. 6 Bridge street. Telephone 226.

**DIED.**

PURDY—On Wednesday evening, after a long illness, Capt. J. C. PURDY.  
Funeral from his late residence, Lagrange street, Friday afternoon, 13th inst., at 2:30 o'clock.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**

For the finest Ice Cream, Confections and Cake go to Meinert's, corner Summit and Oak streets.

One gallon Jars Adrian Butter at  
E. A. BOND'S

Call for Meinert's Vienna Bread and take no other.

**SAWED STONE WALKS.**

We have ample facilities for doing the best work in the city. All orders promptly filled and work warranted. Address  
CARR & CO., 130 1/2 Adams street.

In Italy where they have no  
SAPOLIO,  
'tis natural that "The Pan says to the Pan,  
'Keep off or you'll smutch me.'" Try a  
cake of it in your next house-cleaning.

**New Way to Take Care of a Baby on the Cars.**

"Saw a rather odd thing on a drawing room car out in Iowa the other day," said a commercial traveler; "there was a young mother aboard and she only had three children to look after. The two older ones were lively little rats, who kept skipping all over the car, getting into all sorts of mischief and leading the poor mother a lively race. The puzzle with her was what to do with the youngest, a well-behaved fat babe of six months. Of course,

...of the BLADE has learned  
that the object the members of  
Yacht club squadron had in in-  
yachtsmen of the Toledo Yacht  
dron to dinner, was to have  
and friendly feeling exist;  
Ohio Yacht club yachtsmen  
of their yachts—private proper-  
as personal or real estate—  
d be nothing in the invitation  
in any way enter into the litiga-  
Guard Island. It was not a  
matter, but an act of individu-  
way it was looked upon.

**East Side Matters.**

Arman and his sister Anna have  
troit to spend a few days.  
Arman, the clothier, goes east  
light.  
O. Mabley, son of William Mabley  
of Toledo, but now living in  
is been visiting old friends in

Robinson, the Baptist minister,  
Dawkins, went to Detroit last  
They expected to return the  
but were left, and so did not  
until Tuesday.

ing of Bridge street is nearly  
Only about a block remains  
Where it is torn up the Dorr  
nearly always jump the track,  
ole force of men have to stop  
them on again, as they nearly  
en they do get off the track,  
be lifted bodily.

**r's Signal Service Report.**

arometer yesterday in the lake  
moved east and is now central  
tia, while the area of low pres-  
vest has increased very consid-  
erent. The temperature has  
e lake regions, but remained  
onary in the other districts.  
len in Dakota, around Lake Su-  
braska, Iowa, Illinois, Arkan-  
o Valley, New York and New

**PRESQUE ISLE.**

**Children's Play-Ground.**

delightful play-ground and  
lace for children, or adults  
his section, is undoubtedly  
Under the management of  
this beautiful spot has be-  
t should be—the pleasure and  
nds of the city. The large  
adies and children who visit  
daily proves its popu-  
has become a regular  
play-ground" and general pic-  
Families take their lunch  
in the morning, stay all day,  
t night the better for it. The  
d frequent boats enable all to  
y time that is most conveni-  
lotson announces that there  
more disappointment at Mag-  
dock, as he has ordered all  
p there every trip. Look out  
at baby show next week.  
retty babies should enter their  
e.

rom Toledo are given special  
Hotel Brunswick, Detroit.

**Street Dock—Presque Isle  
Boats—Notices.**

both the Evening Star and  
will stop at Magnolia street  
engets, every trip. Remember  
w next week.  
J. K. THAYLOR, Manager.

ed Linen Crash to be sold  
\$ 1-40, by F. Eaton & Co.,  
ven larger than the Print



Purdy, Josiah C.

Check newspapers

no? <sup>Yarker is during</sup>  
Jan. 1, 1872 (May 15), 1872 / Jan. 1, 1873 (start)

no? <sup>referred to as</sup>  
Capt in Dec 1872 and in Jan 1873

Board Metro Police

not in Pro.

Dec. 31, 1878 / ~~Sept 17~~ (Dec. 31), 1879 (end)

Nov 1, 1883 / Jan. 1, 1884 (start)

In proceed. all ref to chief were chief - no name given from Dec 19, 1883 to Blade - Feb. 18, 1884 In the Blade - no mention - article printed Jan 4 makes ref to chief, but no name

Dec. 31, 1884 / ~~Jan. 1~~ ~~Sept 2~~ 1885

DOD Aug 11, 1886

(O'Dwyer's says was Acting during Purdy's long illness)

Blade not avail Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1878

Jan. 1, 1879  
Chief made to Purdy on Jan 2, 1879  
Capt. Purdy's actual start date

Blade from Jan 4, 11, 18 + 25 not avail. found in Blade

In proc. from Dec. 17, 1884 to Feb. 19, 1885 all ref refer to chief - no name given

Purdy Josiah C Chief of Police #4 and #9

Born Jan 5 1837

Appointed April 20 1867 By the Board of Police Commissioners

12-hr-day  
Base-pay. " " " \$62.50 Per-Month No days off nor Vac

Assigned " " " Beat by Chief Henry Breed  
by Mayor

Promoted Jan 1 1873 Chief of Police #4 Wm W Jones  
" " " " " " " " " W W

Demoted Dec 31 1879 To the rank of Patrolman Mayor Jones  
By Mayor

Promoted Jan 1 1884 Chief of Police #9 Jack Romeis

Demoted Dec 31 1884 By Mayor George Sheets

Retired Jan 1 1885 Served 18 stormy years Pension was  
half of Mrs Pa

Died ?

He was one of the first 19 Patrolmen appointed by the Board of the  
Police Commissioners under the New Metropolitan System. His pay was as a Pat-  
rolman \$750.00 per yr. And his salary as Chief of Police was \$1.500.00 Per-Yr



day was granted to us Jan 1 1900 under Mayor Samual M Jones an Industrialist.

All patrolmen were appointed to the Police force by the Board of Police Commissioners, they had the power by a State Law to Hire and Fire any member of the force that charges were filed against. There to much politics was played by the Board in appointment and in Dismissals of policemen. The State Legislature than abolished the Board of Police Commissioners and created the first Civil Service Commission and gave the Mayor of Toledo the Authority to name the first Commission. Mayor Brand Whitlock had the Honor to mane 3 commissioners number 1 to a 6yr term # 2 to a 4 yr term and # 3 to a 2 yr term. and each commissioner there after will be appointed by the Mayor who ever he will to a Six Yr Term. Begining Aug 1 1909 and the First Director Of Public Safety appointed by Mayor Brand Whitlock Aug 2 1909 Was the Honorable Joseph J. Mooney.

Put man John Lester

Born

Appointed Jan 13 1967 Pol-Acad-Class-26

Base-pay " " " \$27.34 Per-Day and 95.35 In Fringe Ben Per.Mon

Assigned April 25 1967 Beat by Chief Anthony A Bosch

Resigned April 29 1967 Served only 3 months Resigned

~~During the Race Riot in Toledo~~

# Josiah C Purdy

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Birth: unknown  
Death: Aug. 11, 1886

Burial:  
[Woodlawn Cemetery](#)  
Toledo  
Lucas County  
Ohio, USA  
Plot: Civil War Section 41, Lot 92, Wing III B,  
#5

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# CHIEF PURDY'S STAR GIVEN TO JENNINGS

The badge belonging to Josiah C. Purdy, chief of police of Toledo in 1873, was presented to Police Chief Harry Jennings on Saturday morning by Paul Casth, 2352 Grantwood drive, Chicago, who found the badge in an old home in Chicago some years ago.

The badge is a small star with a round gold center. On the back is inscribed, "Toledo Board to J. C. Purdy 1873."

The word board is misspelled.