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All communications must be received at this office by Monday evening to insure insertion.

### JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

TOOTHDAY

Detroit has A. Wanless, Tallor.

SEND in orders for election tickets early.

ARE you registered? If not, attend to it at once and be a voter.

THE next term of school will commence April 8th.

Geo. Wilhelm has returned from Germany a better man, physically.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BURLINGAME favored us with a call last Thursday.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS at Music Hall next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m.

CAUCUS at the Engine House Monday evening to nominate village officers.

WE are informed that Mrs. Dr. H. C. Stephenson of this village is lying seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs.

Miss Aggie Sinclair, formerly a teacher in the Lowell Union School, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. M. Perry, and other friends in this village.

Miss Nellie Grant is to be married this month. We can't possibly get away.

Send us the result of your township elections Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. BEADLE, of this village, goes to Reed City this week to open a hotel at that place. Mr. Beadle has had experience in the business and feels confident that he can run a hotel to suit the needs.

Miss NETTIE WALDRON's lost money has not yet been left at this office. Will the individual who found that money just take down his good old mother's bible and read until he feels a pain in his bosom?

NOTICE was circulated yesterday (Tuesday) that the Good Templar ladies of South Lowell would commence a temperance crusade in this village to-day. This is April the wunst.

VERY pleasant day overhead. But the most of us are not traveling that way.

WORD was received that J. F. Chesebro would be in town last Monday to show that he had letters patent on that washing machine. He has not yet arrived.

M. H. CLARK, of the Grand Rapids Democrat is an Independent candidate for Congress. First time we ever saw "Democratic" spelled that way.

If the ladies of Lowell intend to petition the saloon keepers to quit their soul destroying traffic, let them begin now, before a fresh invoice of liquors is received.

C. C. Sexton of the Grand Rapids Times was in town Friday.

SUGAR Social at the M. E. Church this Wednesday evening.

HALL & RAMSDALE have made arrangements for putting a fine stock of cigars, tobaccos etc., in the Althen store, West side, as soon as Althen removes his stock of clothing to Union Block. Althen will occupy the store formerly used by Hine & Noble.

FRESH supplies of implements of war for the log navigators on Flat river have been sent from Boyce & Nash's Armory. The "booming" of logs by the old company has ceased and the glittering cant-hooks of the new company wave triumphant.

T. J. Slayton Esq. and family have decided to make Grattan their future home, and remove to their farm there this week. Mr. Slayton has been obliged to give up the law on account of ill health. We hope to see him benefitted by the change.

THE babbling waters of Flat river are clear and sparkling once more. Let history record the fact that in less than ten days after the terrible riot at gory Greenville, not a trace of human blood could be found on the fair bosom of that placid stream.

THE liquor dens in Allegan have been closed and the ladies of that place propose to open a reading room for the benefit of the young men who were once idlers about the saloons. The Allegan Journal gives its support to the new departure, and Don deserves a blessing.

PARTIES ordering election tickets will be held responsible for the payment of the same. To avoid botheration we would recommend that the candidates be invited to contribute their mite as soon as the ticket is made up.

JOENNIE is a shoemaker; Johnnie Howard is. And he is fitting up a corner in Enos & Bradfield's old hardware store. And soon he'll be sitting at the window pegging shoes.

ONE of the most enjoyable festive gatherings of the season was at the party given by Mrs. G. W. Parker last Friday evening. It was a decided success, and some are unkind enough to say they hope somebody will have another of the same sort.

TICKETS are out for a dance and euchre party at the Morrison House Thursday evening April 9th. Music by Stocking & Claffin's orchestra. Tickets one dollar; supper extra. Morrison proposes to do the handsome, this being his first party in Lowell. The bar of the hotel will be closed on the evening of the party.

HON. J. Webster Childs, State Senator from the Fourth District, and President pro tem. of the Senate will, it is believed, be a prominent candidate for Congress, in the Second District. Mr. Childs is an able man, and one of the purest men, morally, we ever met. We wish a sufficient number of such men could be elected to go and leaven the whole Congress.

HON. H. H. HOLT, the present Lieut. Governor of Michigan, was for many years a school teacher, and in the winter of 1852-3, twenty-one years ago, he boarded around among the good people of Vergennes, and sprouted young ideas and roundabouts in the "Bailey" school house.

Gaylord Holt of Cascade is brother to Lieut. Governor Holt.

TOWNSHIP Election next Monday. So far but little has been said as to who the candidates for the various offices will be. We hope to see a full vote polled, believing it to be the duty of every voter to vote at every election whether the offices to be filled are of little or great importance.

THE Charter election for electing village officers, will be held at the Council Room, next Tuesday. Polls open from one to five o'clock p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL at the residence of Mrs. John Wilson, this Wednesday evening.

A GENEROUS friend of ours bought a sewing machine for his wife the other day, and paid for it with some money which a kind old aunt had just given to his wife. Now, when any one comes along soliciting aid for charitable purposes, he heaves a sigh and says that sewing machine cost eighty dollars.

HON. M. S. CROSBY was chairman of the Senate committee on Arrangement and Phraseology of the amended constitution, recently passed by the Legislature. An appointment wisely made and a compliment well deserved. No Senator stands higher in the esteem of his fellow Senators than Mr. Crosby, and no Senator has labored more faithfully for the best interests of his constituents and the State, than Senator Crosby.

HON. BYRON D. BALL has resigned the office of Attorney General on account of ill health, and will soon visit Germany. His many friends in Michigan wish him a safe voyage and a happy sojourn, and hope that when he returns he may bring with him good health and a long life. Mr. Ball has kindly offered to send an occasional letter to the JOURNAL from Leipsic.

The Governor has appointed as his successor, Hon. Isaac Marston, of Bay City, a man said to be well qualified to discharge the important duties of Attorney General.

THE *Aldine* for April opens with a marvelous collection of beautiful illustrations, some of which are the finest yet seen in The American Art Journal, while all reflect great credit upon the enterprising publishers. American scenery, as heretofore, forms a striking feature of this number. The literary contents are of a high order, varied and interesting. Subscription price \$5, including chromos "The East" and "The West". James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

FROM the list of real estate transfers for the week ending Friday, March 27th, we take the following:

John B. Shear to Hannah Avery, piece of land on sec. 2, \$300.

Abel Avery to Wm. G. Sayles, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 34, Avery's plat, \$750.

James F. Chesebro to Avery Blake, lot 5, block 18, Avery's plat, \$950.

Abel Avery to Theodore W. Mason et al. lot 10, block 17, Avery's plat, \$308.

Sarah E. Spooner to Charles J. Powley 5 acres on sec. 32, Lowell, \$150.

Wm. Tetley to Caleb Oberly, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, block 3, Richards & Wickham's addition, \$4,000.

Caleb Oberly to Lydia A. Tetley,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sec. 25, Vergennes, \$1,500.

Caleb Oberly to William Tetley  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sec. 25, Vergennes, \$1,500.

THE Grand Rapids *Eagle* endeavors to show that we are guilty of a sin of omission. It says we published last week a communication relative to the cost of building a court house, etc., and that said communication contained false statements which we did not correct. And the *Eagle* impliedly says that we endorsed the views set forth in that communication because we did not say we didn't.

We rise to explain. The number of the JOURNAL containing the article in question was issued, as were the two previous numbers, while we were at Lansing. Under the circumstances then, we ask the *Eagle* to talk mildly to us for not showing that we had an opinion of our own upon the question of voting to have a good county building. If "better late than never" will answer, we will improve the opportunity and speak now. And this is our opinion:

Kent county is sadly in need of a court house. Sooner or later a court house must be built. It will cost no more to build one now than at some future time. We want a good building. We boast that Kent is the largest and wealthiest county, but one, in the State, but it is a deplorable fact that we are poorer in county buildings (jail excepted) than many of the poorest counties in the State. We see no reason why the tax payers of Kent are not ready to vote now and "yes" on the question.

A GENTLEMAN living on the West side desires to engage a large dog with two rows of excellent teeth to stand by his front gate from sundown till midnight. And he wants that quadruped to be regularly at his (gate) post every night. And a few young men who have been on "picket" duty there want to know how much it costs to buy a stavin' good revolver. There's thickness in the atmosphere.

THE Peak Family had a good audience Monday evening, and they gave a very passable entertainment. The bell ringing was good, and so was the dutchman. The "Goblet" music was loudly applauded. (Some will feel cheap when we say those goblets contained nothing but water.) The young Irishman who pounded himself on the head with a club and said it didn't hurt a bit, didn't offer to let any one else try the experiment, so the best part of this performance was omitted. Lavake was vocally disabled, not having yet recovered from the effects of his struggle with the fire at Muskegon which destroyed the Academy of Music there and some of the Peak property.

DANIEL MURPHY has gone West. Mrs. Daniel Murphy took ninety dollars of her own money out of the brine and purchased Daniel's right and title and told Daniel to step high. Daniel quit-claimed, paid up a few honest debts and bent his eye toward the setting sun. Poor Daniel. He has often been locked out doors when all he wanted was a chance to hit Mrs. Murphy over the head with the garden rake. And Mrs. Murphy has often been grieved because Daniel's habits were so bad that she couldn't get more than half the contents of the whiskey pail. And they have often caressed each other with broken crockery and bootjacks, and spilled their best blood in defense of their individual rights.

The sighing winds of gentle spring will soon kiss the ivy at Mrs. Murphy's back door, and Mrs. Murphy will go out to catch the sweet perfume, and she will think of her lost Daniel and say, "it might have been" are the saddest of all words. And then she'll go into the house and write a piece of spring poetry. Such is life.

FROM the *Eagle's* comments on the communication of "S" published in last week's JOURNAL, we extract the following:

The writer makes the assertion that we are now building a State Capitol to cost \$3,000,000 and no one knows how much more before it is finished, and it has to be paid for now out of each yearly tax. And the editor of the JOURNAL allows that statement to go uncorrected. It is not true. The law appropriates \$1,290,000 for the State Capitol—only two-fifths the amount stated in the JOURNAL. The contract for the Capitol building is let for \$1,144,057.30; leaving nearly \$56,000 of the appropriation to cover necessary and incidental expenses of the State outside of that contract. Of the entire sum \$500,000 is already raised and paid in, leaving \$700,000 to be raised in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property of the State is \$600,000,000. To raise that \$700,000 in a single year would require a tax of one-ninth part of one cent on a dollar. But it is spread over three years—averaging less than four-tenths of a mill on the dollar of valuation. Our county jail is built and paid for. A county building that shall be ample for all the other business of the county, the Circuit Court, Probate Court, the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff's, Clerk's, Treasurer's and Register's offices, and a safe and convenient depository for all the public and official papers, records, and other archives of the county is needed.

The people of the county are now constantly paying rent for the temporary use of court rooms and other offices. The sooner the county can put itself on a footing of independence, and concentrate its business and property in one building, the better it will be for public interests, the tax-payers and all concerned. The entire cost of a Court House for this county, such as is proposed, will be less than sixty-two and a half cents per annum for four years, to each inhabitant.



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With my own hands I dug her grave in a maze in the garden, where she used to walk so many times. Eunice, in self-forgetfulness, seized Eunice, robed the poor lady in the dress it had worn on her wedding day...

"So is my secret," my terrible secret, sobbed Eunice. "With my own hands I dug her grave in a maze in the garden, where she used to walk so many times..."

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