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

#### JOURNAL GOINGS.

ALTHEA takes the corner store in Union Block, and very handsomely fixed is Althea.

HALL & RAMBELL will show you a smoking good cigar in their new quarters.

SEVERAL communications received this week, but space forbids, we regret to say.

IONIA CITY elected a Democratic Mayor, the remainder of the ticket being about 'alf and 'alf.

M. N. HINE started for New York yesterday to purchase spring supplies for Hine, Parrish & Birch.

ETHERIAL MILDNESS has come. Somebody said this three weeks ago, but it was a Sanborn statement.

WE expected more definite election returns from various towns than we have received—but whose fault is it?

SUPT. RANNEY has set down April 17 and 18 for teachers' examinations in Lowell. Remember the days, Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18.

A YOUNG man from Bowne thinks it's funny that a fellow can't find a decent finger ring for his girl in a town like Lowell, where they have three hardware stores.

THIS from a Milwaukee Deussen-berry, "how Hi is rele state in yure Town and what is the chances their fur settia up a furst Clas brewery."

"Rele state" in some places is about 150 feet "Hi." "Chances" not tip-top here for a "furst Clas brewery," but you might get a job working on the railroad this spring. Come early.

It's a good thing that the maple sugar season is about over. The boys who peddle this luxury in small cakes have scraped the insides out of every old sugar barrel in town, and it's time to hold up.

YOUNG MEN, steer clear of large cities, if you would escape the broad road to destruction. Think of St. Louis, with its social evil; Chicago, with its inflationists; and Detroit, with its Board of Trade.

WE are indebted to Henry A. Chaney, Attorney at Law, Lansing, for a copy of his ably prepared "Digest of Decisions," rendered by the Supreme Court of Michigan at the January term. Chaney's Digest is spoken of in high terms by the leading legal periodicals of the country.

THE village caucus was held at the Engine House Monday evening. J. M. Mathewson, Esq., chosen Chairman, N. B. Blain, Secretary. The nominations were: C. G. Stone for President, M. M. Perry for Trustee, C. M. Devendorf for Treasurer, Robert Hunter, Jr., for Assessor, Charles Blass for Marshal.

A goodly number were present at the Republican caucus last Saturday afternoon, and the proceedings were unusually harmonious. The ticket nominated is shown elsewhere, in the report of election. Republican Township Committee for the ensuing year: W. W. Hatch, O. H. Look, Charles H. Leslie.

THE "National Reformers" met at the Clifton House Saturday, at 5 p. m., and nominated a town ticket, which may be seen under the head of election returns. The caucus was not a very strong one, numerically. National Reform Township Committee for the ensuing year: J. M. Mathewson, S. B. Knapp, Arvine Peck, Wm. Pearsall, C. R. Hine.

A SMALL boy, whose parents reside in Lowell, has been spending a few weeks in the Valley City. He returned home last week, and the first thing his father said was, "My son, do I see you chewing tobacco?" And the first thing the boy said was, "You're just a harpin, old man!" The remainder of the conversation was held in the wood-house.

DR. I. MALCOLM and R. Ryder have made arrangements to accommodate all horsemen who wish to use the Lowell Driving Park the coming season. Season tickets may be procured of Mr. Ryder. The track will be kept in good condition, and it is the present intention of the proprietors to make up a few races during the season.

BRET HARTE lectured in Detroit a few nights ago, and the next day a man in that city cut his throat with a razor.

MONROE desires the citizens of Lowell and vicinity to bear in mind that his party to-morrow (Thursday) evening will be his first party given in Lowell, and that he has made abundant preparation for a most enjoyable time. No pains will be spared to make this party the greatest success of the season. He has accommodation for two hundred guests, and all who come will be served in first-class style.

SPECIAL DEPUTY Curtiss writes that on the 2d inst. he visited the village of Trent, and in the evening met the farmers, their wives, sons and daughters, in the village hall, where he spoke to them on the "Farmers' Movement," and organized a Grange with a membership of 107 Patrons. Nathaniel Whitney, Master; Thos. J. G. Bolt, Secretary. Curtiss says this is the "boss Grange," and asks "who will overtop Trent?"

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Grand River Conference of Congregational Ministers and Churches, will be held at Lowell, April 14, 15, 16, 1874.

#### PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Evening, April 14.—Opening Sermon by Rev. Leroy Warren. Organization and preliminary business.

Wednesday A. M.—Devotional exercises the first half hour. General business. Written report from the Churches.

Wednesday P. M.—Social prayer and conference one-half hour. Communion Sermon, by Rev. L. P. Spelman. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Narration of the State of Religion in the Churches, by the Recording Scribe.

Wednesday Evening.—Devotional exercises the first half hour. The Relation of the Churches to the Moral Life of the Community, by Rev. J. Morgan Smith. The Church and Pulpit as Moral Instructors—what have they to do? By Rev. L. F. Waldo. The Church and Ministry as an Example—what have they to do and what to avoid? By Rev. J. L. Patton.

Thursday A. M.—Devotional exercises one-half hour. Report on Fellowship Meetings, Sabbath Schools; by Rev. Dr. James Gallup. Discussion—The Duty of the Hour; opened by Rev. J. Morgan Smith.

ELECTION RETURNS.—Monday was a genuine "Town Meeting day." A few inches of snow fell Sunday, and the snow and the sun run together Monday, and made it soft and easy getting around. Lowell was astir most of the day. General good feeling prevailed, and the result of the day's work is, we believe, satisfactory. The ticket elected is a good one, and we ought to be satisfied.

The total number of votes cast was 410. Of these 102 were straight Republicans, 60 straight National Reform. The "splits" were numerous. The following is the result—Republicans in Roman, National Reform in italics:

	Votes.	Ma.
For Supervisor—		
Robert Hunter, Jr.	251	106
Arvine Peck	145	
For Township Clerk—		
James H Weeks	274	143
Wm E Keyes	131	
For Township Treasurer—		
Charles T Wooding	234	70
Milton O Barber	164	
For School Inspector—		
J Quincy Look	265	No opp.
For Justices of the Peace—		
R Hunter, Jr., full term	332	No opp.
Milton M Perry, 3 yrs	248	107
Martin N Hine, "	141	
Charles H Leslie, 2 yrs	259	130
Robt D Winegar, "	129	
James Brannon, 1 yr	270	133
Sessions P Curtiss, "	137	
For Highway Commissioner—		
Charles B Carter	254	109
Stephen B Knapp	145	
For Drain Commissioner—		
Charles H Leslie	264	125
Daniel Osborn	129	
For Constables—		
Henry W Booth	207	
Thomas Tate	256	
Heman E Hogan	257	
Eber K Wright	220	
Robert Marshall	169	
Charles Blass	214	
William Parker, Jr.	196	
Andrew Calkins	132	
Many scattering votes were cast.		

The vote for Court House stood 14 for, to 297 against—just two more votes "for" than expected. For County Poor House, 224 for, to 44 against.

#### REPORTS, APPROPRIATIONS, ETC.

Reports of Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, and Overseer of Poor, accepted and adopted.

Appropriation of \$100 to Cemetery No. 1, voted.

Appropriation of \$50 for Cemetery in Merriman District, voted.

Motion that the Annual Report of the Township Board be requested published in the Lowell JOURNAL, as soon as practicable after settlement, prevailed.

Appropriations recommended in the Report of the Highway Commissioner, and in Report of Overseer of Poor, voted.

KEENE is one of the keenest Republican towns, and this is how they do it. The figures show the majorities:

Supervisor—A. F. Lee	110
Clerk—Thomas Daniels	111
Treasurer—Ephraim Abbott	110
Justices of the Peace—	
William H. Davenport (full term)	102
Amos Abbott (vacancy 3 years)	109
School Inspector—A. Bowen	109
Highway Com'r—W. R. Parks	112
Drain Com'r—Jared Sprague	109
Constables—James O. More	108
Benjamin Rexford	109
James Sparks	110
Charles Frost	109

GRATTAN.—Entire Democratic ticket elected, except one Justice of the Peace. John W. Nicholson, Supervisor, 18 majority; N. P. Smith, Clerk, 30 majority; S. W. Ward, Treasurer, 53 majority.

GRAND RAPIDS CITY.—Julius Houseman, Democrat, elected Mayor, over P. R. L. Pierce, Republican. The Democrats have also five of the eight Aldermen and four Supervisors. Grand Rapids Township elects B. F. McCormick, Democrat, Supervisor.

VERGENNES.—Entire Democratic ticket elected by a large majority. J. W. Walker, Supervisor; J. L. Covert, Clerk; P. Cary, Treasurer; J. L. Covert, Justice.

BOWNE.—Mr. N. C. Johnson informs us that Bowne elected the following township officers: Supervisor, A. D.

Thomas; Clerk, Dr. A. Ford; Treasurer, Frank Cuykendall; Justice of the Peace, Benjamin J. Lee; Commissioner of Highways, John P. Myers; School Inspectors, Frank Cuykendall, Martin A. Holcomb; Drain Commissioner, James W. Morgan; Constables, William P. Miller, Peter J. Sinclair, Jasper Johnson, Hobert McVean. All Republicans except the Supervisor.

A MUSICAL convention is being held in the M. E. Church of this village, under the direction of Prof. A. Graves, of Plainwell. One session each day will be devoted to voice culture, one to the primary work, teaching all who wish to read music, and a chorus in the evening, where some of the best choruses of the day are to be used. The first meeting was held last evening. Prof. Graves comes highly recommended as a teacher of music, and will no doubt give entire satisfaction. Terms for full course (ten days) \$2.00; one class, \$1.00.

J. PRENTISS' Variety Troupe is billed for Music Hall next Saturday evening. The bill is a comical one, and the performances will no doubt make the laugh come. Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. See programme.

WONG CHIN FOO lectured in Train's Hall last (Tuesday) evening. W. C. F. is not a Heathen Chinese, but a gentleman Chinese, from Peking. Wong also insists that he is not a female man because he wears long dresses. The "coolies" dress differently, and no coolie wears long garments. Wong failed to explain his wonderful attempt to overthrow their present Emperor, in order to establish a free government. He said nothing of the serious time he had while fleeing from home. These were on the bill, but W. Foo "passed." Which reminded us of "ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain." But Mr. Wong had something to say about courtship and marriage, and making tea. It seems to be far more difficult to learn how to do the former than the latter. And it takes so long there. They have to wait until they are eight and ten years of age before they can marry, and in some instances they are known to put off the fatal day until the fierce blasts of fifteen winters blow over their heads. They are permitted to marry as many wives as they can support, and no more. In this country a great many have more wife than they can support—just one more. But the Emperor of China is differently fixed. His matrimonial limits are proscribed, and no matter how much he adores the small feet of the fair sex, he must not tell his love to another, after he has taken unto himself seventy-two wives. How hard it would be for some of our countrymen to bear this yoke.

THE charter election in this village was held Tuesday. Two tickets were in the field. The "People's" differed from the "Village" ticket only in the name of the man for Marshal—the former bearing that of Robert Marshall; the latter the cognomen, Charles Blass. The total number of votes polled was 191, the result being as follows: President, Chester G. Stone, 189; Trustee, Milton M. Perry, 190; Treasurer, Clark M. Devendorf, 188; Assessor, Robert Hunter, Jr., 190; Marshal, Charles Blass, 129; Robert Marshall, 58. Blass' majority over Marshall, 71.

IN great haste to get rid of work this week, and it will not be surprising if some errors are found in the JOURNAL. A perfect avalanche of job work slid down upon us, and we are trying to crawl out.

DELEGATES from several subordinate Granges met at the Clifton House in this village, last Friday, and organized a district council. We expect Secretary Walker to give us further particulars next week.

PROF. HICKS is again at his station in school, and the spring term opens well. A. Weeks is teacher, in place of Mrs. J. Q. Look, resigned.

It is said that, according to the senses of some who live there, Grand Rapids has a population of 34,000. According to the next census there will be a figure 1 deducted from the left hand corner of that estimate. They can't judge human nature by the quantity worth a sip in Grand Rapids.



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