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### LOWELL JOURNAL BY JAS. W. HINE.

#### A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT'S OPINION OF FUSION.

The Rev. C. B. Smith, D. D. of Grand Rapids, one of Michigan's prominent democrats, in a recent communication to the Grand Rapids Democrat, gives his reason for opposing fusion. We clip from his letter the following pertinent extracts:

"Can they succeed? It is possible, but not probable. But political success resulting from such a union is sure to result in something of a hybrid character that can have no pride of its ancestry or hope of its posterity.

Fusion thus far has been a failure; to be sure, the majority of the Republican party has been greatly reduced in this state, but no more than in those states in which there has been no fusion. ..."

It is urged also that Gov. Begole was elected by Fusion votes; but this is not true. If he was, why was every other candidate on the Fusion ticket defeated? All know he was elected by a large number of Republicans, who would not vote for Gov. Jerome, their own candidate.

But admit he was elected by Fusion votes, as he certainly was not, what has been gained toward the overthrow of the Republican party in the state. Had it not been for the Fusion vote, the Republicans would have carried the State by their old time majority. Fusion has not lessened their strength by a single vote.

It is claimed also that Fusion elected C. C. Comstock member of congress. But Mr. Comstock is not a Democrat. He is a most worthy man, but his election is a Greenback, not a Democratic victory. He has not one drop of Democratic blood in his veins and for all he can do for Democratic principles, or Democratic candidates for office he might just as well be a Republican.

We fused last fall and were defeated. Butler is a pronounced Greenbacker and he is certainly a hypocrite and a knave, and if voting for him, under the circumstances, will not cure Democrats of a desire to unite with any party, the disease must be incurable. And it is. ..."

Fusion will not and cannot succeed, the man may. The two parties alone have not votes enough to elect their candidates. Last fall the Republican vote was 192,000, the Democratic and Greenback 190,000.

Growing out of this fusion business a self-appointed committee waited on President Cleveland and urged him to select O. M. Barnes of this state as a member of his cabinet. They were treated with due consideration, for Mr. Cleveland is a gentleman, but if political tom-foolery ever reached a lower depth, we have never heard of it. The idea that Mr. Cleveland would select a member of his cabinet from the state whose Democracy voted for Ben Butler for president, on a fusion ticket, is the superlative of ridiculous nonsense. ..."

Why continue this farce any longer? Fusion has not succeeded and never will. A few men may secure an office who could not otherwise, but men are nominated in a Fusion convention who would not be thought of by their own party. Why sacrifice our self respect, to put a few men in office who are notoriously unfit for it? And fusion is pure to weaken the party fusion. It takes the strength of the pluck, the force and the vim out of men.

We are soon to have a Democratic administration. There is no fusion in Cleveland. He was elected by Democrats, and he is a democrat and his administration will be Democratic. It will be old fashioned Democracy undiluted with Greenbackism or Mugwumpism, or by any other ism."

We commend the above to the careful and prayerful consideration of all interested in "fusion." They are the words of an old time democrat who has for many years figured prominently in his party's councils.

#### A STRICT PARTY VOTE.

The joint resolution providing for the submission to the people of a prohibitory amendment to the constitution came up in the Senate last Friday afternoon. Discussion on the question was continued until evening when a vote was taken. Every republican senator was present and voted for, and every democratic senator present voted against submission—the vote standing 18 for to 13 against the resolution. Requiring 23 votes to pass, the resolution was defeated. The vote by which it was lost was reconsidered and the resolution was laid on the table. It will be brought up again before the session closes but as the vote is divided strictly on party lines there is little hope that the people will have a chance to vote on the question this spring. It may possibly be amended and passed so as to have the proposition submitted a year later, but we doubt it. The fusionists are directly responsible for the defeat of this measure. The party prohibitionists—the self constituted leaders, especially—are glad the resolution was lost. They say the people are not ready to vote on a prohibitory amendment this spring. Two years ago they demanded that the amendment be then submitted and because it was not they (some of them) left the republican party. Now they don't want the amendment submitted. Comment is unnecessary. The leaders of the third party movement have forfeited all claims to the confidence and respect of the honest prohibitionists of the state, by their inconsistency and duplicity. For years has the prohibition question been agitated and discussed until nothing new remains to be said. If the people are not ready to vote on it now they never will be.

The republican party in its platform demanded submission. Every republican member of the Legislature (save two labor and republican members from Detroit) voted in favor of submission. The pledges have been fulfilled. The republican party of Michigan is still the only party that stands by the people. And because it is so the people

will continue to stand by the republican party.

#### JUDGE COOLEY.

With full knowledge of the fact that Judge Cooley was the choice of a vast majority of the Republicans of Michigan the prohibitionists in their state convention last Wednesday wisely decided to place his name at the head of their state ticket, on the ground that "nominations for the judiciary and positions of educational trust should be made as thoroughly nonpartisan as may be consistent with all interests concerned." There was vigorous opposition at first to the resolution embodying the above sentiment, but realizing their numerical weakness at the polls with a partisan candidate of their own, the prohibitionists finally came to the conclusion that it was better to be wise than foolish and accordingly nominated Judge Cooley. The hysterical exclamation of Prof. Dickie to the effect that the Republicans may endorse the nomination if they want to, was a characteristic remark.

Once upon a time a grasshopper, seeing a fine team and carriage standing at the gate, hopped up and took a seat on top of the dashboard. Presently the owner came out and drove on to his destination. He was much amused to find that the grasshopper thought he (the grasshopper) was doing the driving. Prof. Dickie can sit on the dashboard and assume himself and others in the same way.

If the Republicans nominate Judge Cooley, and they probably will unless some good reasons exist, not yet discovered, why they should not, he will without doubt be elected.

#### FROM TAFFY TO GALL.

The fusion papers, which have hitherto exhibited much sympathy and friendly feeling toward the prohibition party, now begin to kick vigorously and call the prohibitionists hard names because the latter nominated Judge Cooley for Justice of the Supreme Court. Here is a fair sample of the "revised" from a fusion organ—the Ionia National:

"The ignominious surrender of the prohibition leaders to the Republican party is something that was hardly looked for."

And again:

"The prohibitionists, after having been unmercifully abused by the Republicans, are, like a dog, ready to lick the hand that smote them. Their nomination of Judge Cooley, the railroad pool lawyer, for chief justice of the supreme court, shows that they are trying to court favor with, and sneak back into, the Republican ranks."

The fusion stomach is evidently in a disordered condition. What was fusion taffy has turned into gall.

#### UNDOUBTEDLY INSANE.

Mr. Conant, the managing editor of Harper's Weekly, who suddenly disappeared some weeks ago has not yet been found. It is currently reported that he must have been insane when he left. This may be true. The course pursued by Harper's Weekly in the last political campaign strengthens our belief in the report. But we deny most emphatically that the fact of his leaving his position as editor of that paper is anything like evidence of his insanity. On the contrary we think it shows that he was conscious of his condition and in a rational moment left the employ of the Harpers in the hope of full recovery from the mental disability incurred while in the odious discharge of his duty on that mugwump periodical. We hope soon to hear that Mr. Conant is still living and in a fair way to recover.

#### THE FUSION NOMINEE.

Ben Morse of Ionia is a good fellow, a good lawyer and a pugnacious politician. He possesses many good qualities, but among these is not a judicial mind. He is a man of strong prejudices; acts quickly and sometimes passionately. He is brainy, active, combative, stubborn. Ben will pardon us for he knows we are stating facts. His place is at the bar as a pleader, not on the bench—he knows that. His nomination by the fusionists for justice of the supreme court surprised even his most intimate friends. We like Ben but nature never intended him for a judge. Nature put his fighting blood in his veins and brains under his hair but nature never fitted him for the bench.

#### GENERAL GRANT FAILING.

There is no longer any doubt as to Gen. Grant's physical condition. Reliable reports say he is very seriously ill and his recovery is not expected by those most intimately connected with him. He suffers great and constant pain. Dr. Parker thinks his malady necessarily fatal but says his remarkable will power may sustain him for some time. When death puts Gen. Grant on the retired list Congress will blush with shame for its slabby treatment of the greatest soldier of the age.

#### ONLY A PERIOD.

Grover Cleveland is inaugurated President to-day. He is but the period (.) that marks the temporary close of the reign of the Republican party. In our school days we were taught in reading to stop long enough at a period to count four. We do so now. We stop just long enough to count four years and then pass on to the next chapter in the history of the Republican party. We stop just long enough at this (.) to count four—that's all.

#### SPEAKING OF THE SILVER QUESTION.

Mr. Cleveland was too previous. He rushed out just as he was in the act of pulling his inaugural shirt on over his head. He ought to have waited until his clothes were all on before announcing himself.

#### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The bill to restore capital punishment in this state passed the house of representatives last Friday by a large majority—the vote standing 59 to 29. It is believed the bill will also pass the senate.

The celebrated Tom Navin, ex-kid mayor of Adrian, for whose capture rewards aggregating \$3,000 were offered, was discovered and arrested at New Orleans last Sunday. Our readers will remember that Mr. Navin was charged with extensive forgeries in 1882 and suddenly skipped out for the benefit of his health. When captured Sunday he appeared ready to return to Adrian and face the music. Navin is a talented young rascal.

The woman suffragists of Michigan are deeply interested in the bill, introduced at Lansing, to give women the right to vote at township and municipal elections.

Gov. Alger has appointed Hon. Jas. Van Kleeck, of Midland, state commissioner of immigration. "Jeems" is a level headed man and will fill the bill.

Mrs. Dudley in shooting Rosca intended to kill him. She feels that her object was a noble one, but her aim was wretchedly bad.

#### JOURNAL NOTINGS.

Rather early to plow gardens. Rink open as usual this week. Dr. B. M. Clark is still an invalid. All right now—"new maple sugar."

Republican county convention tomorrow. A spicy letter from Dr. G. T. Hine next week. Rowland Ryder has been seriously ill. Is now improving. We inaugurate to-day. Now is the time to subscribe.

The Sons of Vets make a fine appearance in their uniforms. Mrs. Ramsdell, recently stricken with paralysis, is some better. The Lowell polo team went to Ionia and came out second best. "Gavel" is contributing some very good things to the Grand Rapids Eagle.

Farmers are invited to answer any queries found in the "Farmer's Column."

Wm. Vandusen shows some potatoes that were grown in his cellar this winter. Social party at Music Hall to night. Music by Howe's orchestra; bill 50 cents.

The Rev. Mr. Rutter, of Rockford died very suddenly one day last week, in a congestive chill.

Supervisor Simmons of the 5th ward, Grand Rapids, died last Wednesday. Funeral Sunday.

The number and frequency of fires occurring at Stanton prompt us to remark that Stanton is a red hot town.

Now is the time to plant spring advertisements in the JOURNAL. The early advertiser catches the spondulix.

Progressive euchre at S. C. Bradford's last Thursday night; at S. P. Hicks' last night; at Art Stone's to-morrow night.

Sigel Kopf, who has been living at Kansas City for some time, is in Lowell again to remain a few weeks. He likes the west.

Reported that Hon. James Blair will be post-master at Grand Rapids, and E. A. Burlingame collector of internal revenue.

Rev. J. W. Davids has been conducting with much success a series of religious meetings at the church in the Corn market district.

A Casnovia farmer named Whipple visited Grand Rapids—fell in with three-card monte men—shrinkage of Whipple's wallet \$15.

Breeze's Detroit Times suspended last Thursday. It was a bright and sparkling paper but the balance on the wrong side of the ledger was too heavy.

The Coopersville Observer has a new power press and has moved into new and commodious quarters. The Observer is a right smart local paper and we rejoice to see it prosper.

It is reported that there are agents in town selling silver plated ware at exorbitant prices. It is best to know what you are buying, also the value of the article, before purchasing.

That sparkling and enterprising paper—the Grand Rapids Telegram—has been enlarged to a seven column folio. This evidence of prosperity is gratifying to the many readers of that excellent daily.

Mr. W. P. Hewitt, of Muir, died very suddenly Monday morning. He was in Lowell last week the guest of G. W. Parker, apparently as well as ever. He drove home from here Saturday. Mr. Hewitt was a popular man and enjoyed the warm friendship of many people. It is supposed he died of heart disease.

The M. A. True Printing Co. of Grand Rapids has sued the Greenback State Central Committee for \$400 worth of unpaid printing.

G. R. Democrat: C. R. Cowdin of the Rockford Register reports that Rockford citizens will herceyly oppose the new county scheme.

The delinquent members of the Union Fire Ins. Co. of Kent, Barry and Ionia counties have been notified that they must pay their assessments soon or be prosecuted.

If the people were ready to vote on a prohibitory amendment two years ago why are they not ready to vote on a prohibitory amendment now? Don't all speak at once.

Mrs. Hattie M. Hamilton of Port Huron, a well known clairvoyant, will be at Train's Hotel next Monday and remain a few days to tell "the past, present and future" of those who call on her.

Contributions to the "Farmers Column" should be received at this office on Friday or Saturday, hereafter, when convenient. Monday and Tuesday the printers are busy setting up local news, &c.

F. Homer Hosford, who was city editor of the Detroit Times when that paper suspended, has resumed his former position as assistant city editor of the Free Press. Homer has a nose for news and knows how to put it in shape.

Milo Johnson of Keene and Miss Anna Winters of Ada, were married at the Salvation Army barracks Monday evening by Rev. J. T. Husted. An admission fee of 5 cents per head was charged, the receipts being \$11.85.

James Kennedy, a Grand Rapids livery man, shot at his step-brother, Ami, three times. Ami was not seriously injured but James was. Ami pounded James. Domestic difficulties led to this little affray. James does not address his step-brother as cher ami, any more.

Angeline Parkhurst of Algoma, a woman with a violent tongue, is in the Kent county jail, charged with arson. Deputy sheriff Burch had a sweaty time conveying her to her little cell. He went home fully convinced that Angeline is no angel in disguise.

Will Edie, of Lockport, N. Y., came to Lowell last week to visit old home and friends. Will has been a little under the weather lately, but he can jab a joke through a man with the same nailing and despatch as ever. It seems good to have the boy back here on his old tramping ground.

A GOOD PIANO.—The Chase Piano, used at the L. D. C. entertainments, is a very fine toned instrument, highly endorsed by musicians everywhere. It compares favorably with pianos sold at much higher figures.

HISTORY DAY OF THE L. C. C.—Mch. 13th at Bank Parlors. The reading commencing at epoch third. First campaign at the South. Members are expected to be prepared to answer questions as given in the History, Questions asked by Mrs. Sunderland. COM.

BACK PENSION RECEIVED.—Last week Mrs. Mary A. Smoak of this township received back pension money amounting to \$2,334, and will hereafter receive eight dollars per month. She applied for a pension soon after the war but, like many others, had to wait many years before securing it.

DON'T WANT A DIVORCE.—The proposition to make a new county of certain towns from Kent, Montcalm and Newaygo counties is not very favorably entertained, generally speaking. The JOURNAL is not in favor of the new county scheme. We don't want to be divorced from the two northern tiers of townships in this county, for various reasons.

A SUCCESS.—The Mother Hubbard skate at the rink Wednesday night was a decided success. Some of the "outlandish dresses" were really very pretty and, to some, most charmingly becoming. The rink was well filled with skaters and spectators. Roller skating loses none of its popularity here. Quite the contrary.

NEW FURNACE.—The trustees of the Lowell Congregational church have engaged Messrs. Shriver and Weatherly of Grand Rapids to put a new \$300 furnace in the basement of said church. The furnace will be put in this week and services will be resumed at the aforesaid church next Sunday. The furnace is representative and guaranteed to be a first-class one in every respect.

QUITE CHILLY.—An exchange says, "It has been quite chilly out this way for a few days past. On making investigation we find the ears of the water-pail frozen off, also the nose of the tea-pot, the elbow of the stove-pipe, the arms of the windmill, the hands of the clock, the fingers of an old grain cradle, the legs of a saw horse and both feet of a two foot rule. It is too cold for any domestic animal except sundogs and cat-astrophes."

THREE CONVENTIONS.—The prohibition state convention, in Lansing Wednesday, nominated Hon. T. M. Cooley, for supreme court judge, and Rev. Frank B. Cressy, of Detroit, and L. S. Ellis, of Manistee, for regents. The democrats and greenbackers nominated A. B. Morse, of Ionia, for supreme court judge, and Charles R. Whitman, of

Washtenaw, and Moses W. Field, of Wayne, for regents.

SELECT YOUR BOXES.—Postmaster Perry intends to move into the new postoffice Saturday night. Parties desiring to secure boxes should do so this week. Call at the new postoffice any day this week after to-day and a man will be there to assign boxes. The new post-office is a credit to the town. The Yale outfit is simply elegant and for convenience cannot be beaten.

W. C. T. U.—The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Chas. Althen, Friday, March 6th, at 2 p. m. standard time. The discussion for last meeting was passed over to next session. The question: "What amusements tend upwards toward God and Heaven? and what away from God and Heaven?" Mrs. Davids to lead in the discussion, followed by Mrs. N. L. McCarty, instead of Mrs. Oldfield, as mentioned in the last notice.

Mrs. M. S. C. REC. SECTY.

DELEGATES.—At the republican township caucus Friday afternoon S. P. Hicks was chosen chairman and M. M. Perry secretary. The following were elected delegates to the republican county convention to be held at Grand Rapids to-morrow: J. W. Hine, E. A. Sunderlin, S. P. Hicks. The county convention will elect delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Lansing on Wednesday, March 11.

RINKTUMS.—The new stage is finished. It is large, looks well and can be taken down and put up in a short time.

A drop curtain and scenery have been ordered—\$100 worth of D. G. Henry & Co. Grand Rapids. Will be here in a few days.

The managers have ordered 400 chairs for the rink, which with the seats now in use will probably be sufficient.

The floor of the rink on skating nights will not be obstructed in the least by the stage as the latter will be swung up out of the way.

THEATRICAL.—The Metropolitan Comedy Company opened a week's engagement at Music Hall Monday evening, to-night excepted. The play to-morrow night is "Phoenix." The company has a good repertoire and give something new every night. The very low price of admission—10 cents—ought to insure a full house if a full house depends upon the price of admission. Go and see them. Saturday afternoon a 10c Matinee. Great Comedy Bill. Doors open at 1:30, performance at 2:30, 10c to all parts of the house.

SONS OF VETS.—Last night Chas. R. Perry Camp, No 9, Sons of Veterans, of Lowell, entertained a large delegation of "Sons" of I. B. Richardson Camp, Grand Rapids. The visiting "Sons" were escorted from the afternoon train to the G. A. R. hall where an informal reception was held until six o'clock. Later an excellent supper was served in the vacant store of Pullen's block where music and social intercourse followed. The visitors enjoyed their visit here and the Lowell Sons were more than pleased. The affair was a success.

MARRIAGE BELL.—The Taylor Texan of Jan. 17th contains the following notice of the marriage of Miss Hattie Mumford, a niece of Dr. G. W. Mallory of this place. The Texas paper says: One of the most brilliant weddings which has ever occurred at Taylor was that of Mr. Fred L. Welch and Miss Hattie W. Mumford, which took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. W. Mumford, east of the city, last Thursday evening, Jan. 8th, 1885. The groom, Mr. Welch, is of the well known firm of Womack, Sturgis & Co. this city, and the bride a most beautiful, amiable and lovely figure in Taylor society, was the reigning belle of the Prairie city.—L. M. CARL.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The March term opened yesterday. There are 44 cases of jury issues of fact, 82 cases of non-jury issues of fact, 83 chancery cases, 1 special chancery case, the Auditor General's petition for sale of lands, and 11 cases on the criminal calendar. The criminal cases are: Frank Baxter, burglary and larceny; Christ Duffy, burglary from dwelling in day time; Williard Davis, larceny; G. E. Gary, larceny from a shop in the day time; Michael Finn, larceny; William Danforth, keeping saloon open on legal holiday; Edward Murphy, keeping saloon open on legal holiday; George W. Kent, burglary and larceny; Chauncey Servoss, assault and battery; Albert Willam, assault.

A LIVELY RACE.—We refer to the free-for-all (best one in five) race for the Lowell postoffice. There are five entries in this race at present viz: J. M. Mathewson Esq., Henry Mitchell, Jas Lyon, J. S. Hooker and Jesse Tompsett. We have promised not to tell who wins this heat and race until we hear from the timer—Mr. Comstock. It may be some time before he announces the result.

Mr. Comstock has had numerous and frequent calls lately from Lowell people in the interest of the various candidates and they all agree that he is a very pleasant gentleman to converse with. Postmaster Perry will continue to sell stamps at cost regardless of consequences, unless his successor is named and duly qualified.

HAMBLETIAN SALES.—Mr. Geo. W.

Parker reports sales of Hambletonian coats as follows: Sold to N. L. Parker of Hastings, his 2 year old colt, "W. D. Johnson;" by F. B. Hine, dam Mag Jennings, 2d dam, the Seth Cogswell mare, W. D. Johnson is a blood-bay, 16 hands, weighs 1150, and is a trotter. Price \$800.

Sold to Mr. W. D. Johnson of Greenville, Mich., "Maud P." bay filly, foaled July 3, 1884. By Hambleton; dam, Sylvia H. Gold Dust; 3d dam, Mag Jennings; 3d dam, the Seth Cogswell mare. Price \$500.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the month ending Feb. 27. Central building, High school, 17. Cora Adams, Sherman Avery, Jarvis Chubb, Willie Christie, Ray Edmonds, Katie Edmonds, Will Godfrey, Harry Hunter, Sadie Lyon, Andrew Robertson, Martin Simpson, Myrtle Taylor, Lizzie Terwilliger, Grant Warner, Ella Wiley Ada White, Willis Merriman.

Second Gram. 11.—Frank Belknop, Emma Crow, Harvey Coons, Jessie Eddy, Cora Foster, Sherrill Hudson, Charley Hafer, Willie Mitchell, Eva Mathewson, Johnnie Otto, Emma Seales.

First Gram. 10.—Maud Lenington, Dwight Lane, Theodore Mueller, May Belknop, Blanche Schaffer, Winnie Sunderland, Aggie Wiley, Minnie Blackless, Willie O'Morrow, Edie Spring.

Second Primary 14.—Ernest McCarty, Maggie McNaughton, Oneta Spring, Bertha Sibley, Fred Simpson, Allen Morse, George Gulliford, Maud Ransford, Charley Crook, Burdett Grant, Emma Mueller, Orris Randall, Eva Bradley, Clyde Davis.

First Primary 20.—Shen Adams, Mabel Blackless, Minnie Berry, Allie Berry, Lottie Behler, Sylvia Crook, Kate Donnan, Claud DeCamp, Hennis Grant, Lorenzo Kopf, Edie Lucas, Maggie Mueller, Bertha McCarty, Ada Mills, John Mills, Berlie Otto, Carl Speaker, Katie Stone, Ivie Ziegler, Total 72.

Political Prohibitionists.

The Telegram has, heretofore, said that the political prohibitionists of this State have a greater desire for vengeance than for success; that while they howl for constitutional prohibition they work and pray for the success of the Democratic party. This is probably not the desire of the majority of the prohibition voters, but it is the position of a majority of the leaders of the movement, and the truth of the assertion is proved by their actions. The true earnestness of the leaders of the party was expressed by J. H. Tatem in an interview with a Democrat reporter Saturday. Tatem is either too honest or too guileless to preach prohibition as a practice Democracy, so he comes out in the true status of the situation. In the interview he says, in referring to the nomination of Judge Cooley, "I hope the Republicans will not endorse him, and he will then poll a large vote and Major Morse will be elected and the Republicans defeated. We have the Republicans where we want them and will bring them to time, you see if we don't." Need any statement be plainer? Mr. Tatem helped to nominate Judge Cooley as the standard bearer of his party, but he hopes that he will not be elected and also hopes that the Democratic nominee will be elected.

Wm. J. Johnston, of the Saturday Post, also says: "We do not care whether the Republicans endorse Judge Cooley or not. In fact we would prefer that they do not." If these gentlemen had gone a little further and said that their motto is "anything to beat Republicans," while it would have been surprising in face of the facts developed in the recent votes on submission of the amendment in our Legislature, it would nevertheless have been true.—Grand Rapids Telegram.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the post-office at Lowell, Kent Co., Michigan, Mar. 4th, 1885.

Ladies List—Miss Christiana Blough, Nancy Custer, Mrs. Ira Gardner, Susanna Levratan, Mrs. Sarah Thayer, Mrs. P. E. Wilson.

Gent's List—Fred Burrus, Nathan Cassel, W. R. Fisher, Lowery Hart, A. Stant, A. Stout, Frank Stote, Deibert Toff.

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised" and give the date of this notice. M. M. PERRY, P. M.

#### FARMERS' COLUMN.

(N. B.—It is our policy to open to original contributors, on subjects such as pertaining to farming and the interests of the farm and the farmer. 3d—Strictly non-political. 4d—"Contributors should always write their real names on their manuserips in order that the editor may know who they are. 4th—Names of contributors need not appear in print unless they so desire; the editor, however, would prefer the real name signatur to a nom de plume, as would undoubtedly most readers. 5th—Refer to us on one side of the street, and do your best at composition. 6th—Have your contributions at this office no later than Monday noon.)

My plan of raising the potato crop is very simple. Take a piece of sandy loam, fall plow or early spring, then top dress with short manure and cultivate two or three times. Before planting take a shovel plow and mark the furrows four feet apart, not too deep one way, cut seed one or two eyes on a piece, drop one or two pieces in a place (12 to 18 inches) until done, then take a common drag and go "cater wise" once each way, covering plenty. When weeds or foul starts drag again and if necessary again until potatoes are three or four inches high. By this time you are ready for cultivating. I raised the past year (1884) four hundred and sixty-two bushels from 2½ acres and in digging we took a shovel plow with span of horses astride each alternate row, then picked up, then go back and clean up. I plug two days then top wheel cultivator on twice over, which cleans all that is practical and leaves your ground in good order for winter, ready for top dressing the next spring. I have raised potatoes nine years in succession in this way and the last crop was as good or better than the former years. My choice is Beauty of Hebron and Esly Peach-blow. For the 84 crop one of the leading grocers of Lowell said they were the best he ever bought, for which he gave me five cents per bushel extra, and Kimble & Flinders, of Chicago, tell me they same, as they were at my cellar 3 or 4 times before selling. J. W. R.

I agree with last week's contributors to the "Farmers' Column" that the JOURNAL's offer to open such a column for the farmers to speak through is one that ought to be accepted and appreciated. Discussion will do us good in various ways and I heartily concur with Mr. Hancorn that one of the grandest features of the P. of H. is self-improvement. We spare no pains to improve our stock but we are too prone to neglect ourselves. We study hard to improve our horses, cattle, sheep and hogs and we have succeeded in our efforts in that direction. When the time comes that we farmers show a correspondingly rapid personal advancement I shall think we are coming nearer to the performance of our duty.

"Ichabod's" suggestions as to subjects are practical and wise. I will not stop this time to tell what I know about farming, but as the Farmers' Column is open to all farmers I will call again. In the meantime I shall hope and expect to find something interesting and instructive in the Farmers' Column every week. The subjects to be discussed are inexhaustible. "J. W. R." opened up one on "leaving grain for stock raising." This call for the question of diversified farming which I believe is what we must all study and practice more than we have. TILLER.

Have you done it? If not, get right up from reading this article and tread the snow around your fruit and ornamental trees, and you may save from five to fifty dollars. If you sit and smoke until you forget it you may lose the same amount. J. C. E.

A WALKING SKELETON.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of 48 lbs." Call at Hunt & Hunter's Drug Store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all Lung Diseases. Large bottles \$1.00.

The bill incorporating Coopersville under the general statute has received the Governor's signature.

Is your hair turning gray and falling out? Had's Hair Renewer will restore it to its original color, and stimulate the follicles to produce a new and luxuriant growth. It also cleanses the scalp, eradicates dandruff, and is a most agreeable and harmless dressing.

The Charlotte Prohibitionist office has been bought by D. P. Bagendorph, who will continue the publication of the paper.

THOUSANDS SAY SO.

Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kau, writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known and will positively cure Kidney and Liver complaints. Purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor bills every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Hunt & Hunter.

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Smoked Ham per pound 10 cts.  
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4 pounds new prunes 25 cents.  
4 pounds new currants for 25 cents.  
4 pounds corn starch for 25 cents.  
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4 Cans of Sardines for 25 cents.  
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20 Boxes Matches 25 cents.  
4 1/2 pounds of best Crackers 25 cents.

Crockery for Nothing at Johnson's.

Tomatoes per can 7 cents.  
Corn per can 7 cents.  
Peas " " 7 cents.  
Lima Beans per can 7 cents.  
Oysters per can 16 cents.  
Best Raisins per pound 10 cents.  
Hub Plug Tobacco per pound 40 cents.  
Good Fine Cut Tobacco per lb. 25 cents.

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### LOWELL JOURNAL.

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**Church Directory**  
M. E. Church—Corner Bridge and Division streets. Rev. J. W. DAVIS, pastor. Freewill School after morning service. Class meeting after morning and evening service. Children's meeting, 3 o'clock Sabbath afternoon. Young Peoples prayer meeting Tuesday evening. Regular prayer meeting Thursday evening.  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Corner Hudson and Spring streets. Rev. J. T. HUSTED, pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school from 12 to 1 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Seats free.  
CATHOLIC CHURCH—Services at 10:30 a. m. Nov. 30, 1884 and on third Sunday of every alternate month thereafter. Also first Sunday after the third Sunday, every alternate month, at 8:30 a. m.  
BAPTIST CHURCH—Corner Bridge and Jackson streets—Rev. C. Oldfield pastor—Free-will Freewill School after morning service. Regular prayer on Thursday evening—Covenant meeting on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month at 7 p. m. Pastor's residence one block north of M. E. Church.

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8 Night Express	11:25 P.M.
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**Vergennes Visitor.**  
Mr. & Mrs. George King of Coral are visiting at D. L. Blanding's and Mrs. H. Soules.  
J. S. Brandeberry has gone to Blackberry Hill, for the season. His many friends here regret to have him leave them.  
Miss Isadore Parker is home, after a visit of several months with friends in Canada. Miss Laura Rose came also we believe.  
Mrs. Phillip Fox visited friends in Grand Rapids a short time ago.  
Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Robinson and daughter Mary, of near Grand Haven, visited at L. J. Robinson's last week.  
Wm. Krum had the misfortune to lose two horses with distemper; one was a yearling.  
There will be another meeting of the Vergennes Detective Association, Monday evening March 9.  
There will be a meeting of importance at the Grange Hall, Wednesday afternoon March 11. It is necessary that all members be present.  
Miss Agnes Steele's school closed at Cox's Corners last Friday. She will teach the next term at the same place. Our school closed on Saturday. TONE.

**So. Boston Breezes.**  
Three cheers for our "Farmers' Column."  
North Bell School closed Friday.  
A good time is reported at the Council, and Bowne and Alton Granges were well represented. The discussion on the question "Resolved, That the force of habit is greater than all other forces combined," was very interesting, and some valuable information was obtained in regard to the different varieties of corn.  
Last week Wednesday evening was the fifth anniversary of the married life of Mr. & Mrs. C. Dunn and about fifty of their friends gathered at their home and brought several articles appropriate for the occasion as a reminder of their friendship. Rev. Mr. Judd of Saranac was present and conducted the ceremony of tying the knot a little tighter which was tied five years ago, after which refreshments were served. The company dispersed at a reasonable hour feeling that they had spent at least one happy evening this cold winter.

**Grattan Gatherings.**  
John Preston of Pleasant, Mich., visited friends here last week.  
Jas. Morrison of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days with Grattan relatives.  
It is reported that John Flanagan of South Grattan will attend the inauguration at Washington March 4.  
Miss Helen Taylor of Otisco and Mrs. George Stevens of Greenville attended Church at Ashley March 1.  
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Tripp of Dakota, and Mr. & Mrs. Augustus Weekes of Vergennes visited Maud last Saturday. Their stay was altogether too short.  
H. Lessiter has sold his fat stock—cattle and sheep—to Messrs. B. McMullen and E. Perks of Portland for \$450.  
The Ashley Church Society, and the Missionary Aid Society will meet with Mrs. George Ashley March 6, 11 o'clock A. M. Come one and all and help the ladies with their quilt.  
A large quantity of logs have accumulated at Button's mill, awaiting milder weather for sawing which will be resumed to-day—Monday—if all is well.  
Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Teal have been visiting their former home at Charlotte and the Elder passed Feb. 22 with the Diamond Lake Church of which he was one of the founders. Many conversions are following meetings at different churches there, and they are enjoying a precious season of grace. MAUD.

**Bowne Zephyrs.**  
Bowne Centre school closed Saturday. Merton Nash is confined to the house with a severe attack of toothache.  
At the residence of John Nash, a boy, At Sylvester Boulard's, a boy, At John Bendlar's, a boy, Polly Kaufman, a boy.  
Dr. L. E. Haskins has purchased H. W. Myers' house and lot and will hang up his shingle within the city limits. H. W. Myers will remove his family to Monteth. Allegan Co.

**Common Council.**  
Lowell, Feb. 17, 1885.  
Meeting of the Common Council.  
Present, Pres't Bradford, Trustees Graham, King and Hine, and the Recorder.  
The president presented a communication which he had received from J. C. Fitzgerald, Esq. an attorney of Grand Rapids, stating that the Mansfield Ma-

chine Works had placed in his hands a claim against the village for a Steam Fire Engine and asking that payment be made. On motion the recorder was instructed to notify Mr. Fitzgerald that the village did not recognize the claim.  
The following bills were allowed.  
Bill of E. Burt \$12. St. F. d.  
" E. Burt 4. " "  
" S. C. Bradford 37. " "  
On motion the council adjourned.  
E. A. SUNDERLIN, Recorder.  
Lowell, March 2, 1885.  
Meeting of the Common Council.  
Present, Pres't Bradford, trustees Graham and Hine and the recorder.  
Minutes of four previous meetings read and approved.  
The following bills were audited and ordered paid.  
Bill of Henry Mitchell \$12. Gen. F. d.  
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" J. W. Vanderhule 1. Fire " "  
" A. Morcan 4.66 Gen. " "  
" Enos & Bradford 1.75 Fire " "  
" E. Burt 6. St. " "  
" J. W. Maps 13. " "  
" J. C. Moore \$17 allowed at 15. Fire " "  
" Geo. E. Carr \$4.50 allowed at 3. Gen. " "  
On motion the council adjourned.  
E. A. SUNDERLIN, Recorder.  
Died.  
At Albion, Mich., Feb. 11, Mr. Joel Merriman, (father of C. G. Merriman of this township) aged 86 years.  
In Lowell, Feb. 28, Mrs. Anise Fort, widow of the late John Fort, aged 76 years.

**How Professor Tyndall Felt.**  
Professor Tyndall told this anecdote in the course of his third lecture on "The Sources of Electricity" in London: He was working with a battery equivalent to fifteen large Leyden jars, in one of his former discourses, and by chance he touched the arm of the machine. It had long been an earnest desire of the learned gentleman to see the effect of this force upon a human being, and he must have felt a peculiar gratification in experimenting upon himself. The whole charge was instantly poured into his body—and nobody knew anything about it except himself. He found, however, that his optic nerves were so seriously affected that for some time his limbs seemed to him to be separated from his body; otherwise he felt nothing at all.  
Through Mail: When the fair young girl cheweth her gum with greater haste and stampeth her pretty foot, do thou look out.  
Little Phil's Popularity.  
(Chicago Tribune.)  
Gen. Sheridan is less popular in Washington society than elsewhere. He is too domesticated, or, as one correspondent puts it, "He takes more pleasure in paying attention to his own wife than to other men's wives. Until he reforms in this particular he will never acquire what might be called a great popularity in society."  
Crescent City Change.  
No coin of less value than a 5-cent piece circulates in New Orleans, and consequently fruit and other low-priced articles cost much more than they do in the northern markets.  
Hale's Honey the great Cough cure, 25c. 50c. & \$1.  
Glen's Sulphur Soap heals a beauties, 25c.  
German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions.  
Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black and Brown, 50c.  
Fike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 Minute, 25c.  
Dean's Rheumatic Pills are a sure cure, 50c.

Two mormon elders have been over in Campbell township looking for wife timber. There is plenty of good wife timber in Campbell but the girls there "don't have to." They like dead mormons better than live ones, anyway.  
**AGREEABLE TO EVERYBODY.**  
Col. Robert G. King, for ten years Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Maryland, writes: I endorse the Red Star Cough Cure. I have used it in my family for a violent cough and found it excellent. Its use was entirely from the depressing effects of other cough remedies. It can readily be taken, and agrees with and benefits everybody suffering from throat and lung diseases. The relief is permanent, and there is no reaction.  
The Adrian band claims to be the only band in the state that can lead a grand march on wheels.  
When Baby was sick, we gave her CASTORIA. When she was a Child, she clung to CASTORIA. When she became Miss, she tried to CASTORIA. When she had Children, she gave them CASTORIA.  
St. Clair's debt is only \$19,400, and the taxpayers want to increase it by constructing waterworks.  
**FREE DISTRIBUTION.**  
"What causes the great rush at J. Q. Look's Drug Store?" The free distribution of sample bottles of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, the most popular remedy for Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and Bronchitis, now on the market. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.  
Grand Haven is to have a cannery and a tannery this summer.  
It is spring. A resurrection of nature's latent forces is taking place. Like the world around your complexion, invigorate your powers, cleanse the channels of life. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the means to use for this purpose.  
John Livingston of Quincy, has closed a contract with Labor Commissioner Pond to manufacture 5,000 gavelts out of wood which once formed part of the stockade at Andersonville. A carload of the timber will soon reach Quincy.  
**OUR PRESENT BLESSING.**  
Our blessings are not appreciated until we are deprived of them. Most notable among them is health, the lack of which magnifies our other burdens. A hacking cough, a severe cold, or any throat or lung disease is very troublesome; but all these may be quickly and permanently removed by Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure. Price 50 cents; trial bottles free of J. Q. Look.  
Twenty-five boxes Matches for 25c. J. Q. GILES & CO.  
Fresh Roll Butter.....14c per lb  
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The finest candies to be found are made by Rickett. All kinds—fresh every day. Go and see. Rickett beats them all.  
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First Class Meals for 25c at the CITY BAKERY. 168B.

**FARM FOR SALE.**  
The S. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Section 23, town of Vergennes, known as the Chas. W. Beckwith place, will be sold very low and on reasonable terms. Good house, good orchard and well watered. Call on or address  
W. J. DIBBLE, Marshall, Mich.  
23rd or J. C. FITZGERALD, Grand Rapids.

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Pack Bros. of Alpena, have bought 1,155 acres of Minnesota "gold" land, paying \$1,448.77 for the tract.  
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This name has become so familiar with the most of people throughout the United States that it is hardly necessary to state that he is the originator of the great Dr. Bosanko Cough and Lung Syrup, the people's favorite remedy, wherever known, for Coughs, Colds, Consumption and all affections of the Throat and Lungs. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Sold by J. Q. Look.  
Ionia has 999 residents who will not vote at the spring election. They are inmates of the house of correction.  
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Consumptives and all, who suffer from any affection from the throat and Lungs can find a certain cure in Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Thousands of permanent cures verify the truth of this statement. No medicine can show such a record of wonderful cures. Thousands of once hopeless sufferers now gratefully proclaim they

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Clover seed, No 1..... 4 35 per bu  
Corn..... 20c per bushel  
Eggs fresh..... 18c per doz  
Hay Timothy..... \$8 to 9 00 " ton  
Timothy & Clover 7 to 9 00 " ton  
Oats..... 50c per bu  
Onions..... 50c per bu  
Potatoes..... 20 to 25c per bu  
Pork (dressed)..... \$5 00 per cwt  
Wheat (white)..... 80c per bu  
(red)..... 80c " "

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Trout..... 5c per lb  
Whitefish..... 7c " "  
Boneless Codfish..... 6c per lb  
A liberal discount off when a whole pack age is taken.  
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Choicest and best. What? Those confections made by Rickett.  
Drink our Tycoon Tea the finest imported into this country. They send from Grand Rapids for it. We are sole agents. John Giles & Co.

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