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TO THE PUBLIC.

The proprietor of this paper has sold the Job Printing outfit of the JOURNAL office to Mr. Joseph K. Fairchild, who has had long and valuable experience in the business and whose work attests his ability and skill as a job printer. Mr. Fairchild's job printing office is in Train's Hall block just across the hall from the JOURNAL editorial office, where he will be pleased to meet all who may desire anything in his line. We have known Mr. Fairchild for many years and know him to be, not only a competent workman, but a steady, industrious man and highly respected citizen. We here speak for him a cordial welcome here and liberal patronage.

We shall now give our entire attention to the JOURNAL, and endeavor to improve its contents and general appearance. An entire new dress of advertising type will soon take the place of the old and it shall be our aim to double the subscription list within the next twelve months. The subscription price remains at \$1.00 a year.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Rev. Chas. B. Galloway, D. D., chairman of the Mississippi state prohibition executive committee, is the author of a very interesting and instructive letter (published in The Independent of April 8th) relative to the subject of local option in Mississippi. The letter heartily endorses the local option law recently passed by the legislature of that state and goes on to show up the methods previously prescribed, &c., for the regulation of the traffic. In reference to taking the temperance question into party politics Mr. Galloway very emphatically protests against it. The following is his own language in regard to it:

"Thus far prohibitionists have preserved a strictly nonpartisan attitude. The first State Prohibition Convention held in 1881, adopted a 'Declaration of Principles' in which these words occur: 'We also, here and now, assert with plainness and emphasis, that this is in no sense a partisan movement. We have nothing to do with party politics. We seek not in the least to distrust the party affiliations of any citizen. We have one aim; we are animated by one motive—the advancement of the material and moral prosperity of our beloved commonwealth.' We deprecate and denounce the attempts of our enemies to drag our righteous cause into the contentions of parties, thereby prejudicing and injuring the movement. Those principles have been reaffirmed substantially by each subsequent state convention. Adhering to them consistently, yet industriously agitating the question from pulpit and platform and in the public prints, we have friends in both parties and from all colors, creeds and callings. The statement has become dominant in the state, and its practical expression at the ballot-box in each county election will soon place Mississippi in the reform column, by the side of Georgia, the great empire state of the South."

Prohibition has been more effective in Georgia than in any other "prohibition state" simply because the question has been submitted entirely on its merits and kept out of politics. Mr. Galloway's letter is a statement of facts that argue strongly against St. John's third party methods.

—It is a good sign when the best minds of the country begin to study the problem of strikes. And it is very gratifying to find such a man as Judge Cooley expressing such sentiments as the following:

ANN ARBOR, April 17.—Judge Cooley delivered a lecture on "Arbitration as a means of settlement of labor difficulties," at the law lecture room last evening, before an audience of at least five hundred mostly students. The speaker had special reference to the trouble in the southwest. He reviewed at length the cause leading to labor troubles in general and the various remedies resorted to—deprecating all hostile remedies, and favoring arbitration as being inexpensive, flexible and free from technicalities. In considering its availability, the judge admitted that it was less available in this country than in Europe, on account of the greater feeling of independence here and the fact that a large proportion of the laborers are migratory; but on the other hand he claimed that there is in this country more general intelligence among the laboring men. He asserted that arbitration tends to accustom the parties to rely on other than hostile remedies, to remove prejudices and suspicions, and that it also has an educating effect far beyond those actually concerned. He pronounced it the great remedy for the future.

The above, it seems to us, is the only true course to be pursued. The counsel of just such men as Judge Cooley is needed, and needed now.

—Congressman Fisher of the 10th district declines to sneeze every time Congressman Maybury of the 1st district takes snuff. In other words, Mr. Fisher refuses to recognize Mr. Maybury as a leader and he says so with his eyes doubled up and blood in his fist. Mr. Maybury will please take a seat on the back steps until Mr. Fisher marches by in procession all by himself. P. S. Mr. Fisher, it is strongly suspected, would like to be a recognized leader, himself. N. B. It will be a long time before Mr. Fisher gets there.

—Once more the ubiquitous and iniquitous reporter puts it in the paper that President Cleveland and Miss Folsom will soon marry. This is the 49th regular weekly announcement and the end is not yet.

—Farmer Luce sometime ago authorized a public announcement to the effect that he would not be a candidate for Governor. Some state papers seem to think he didn't mean to say he would not accept the nomination if tendered him. We have good reasons to believe that Mr. Luce has no intention of allowing his name to go into the convention.

—The frightfully destructive cyclone in Minnesota last week was an unwelcome introduction to spring. People moving to the cyclonic regions should dig refuge holes in the earth before building houses. In fact the "dig-out" is about the only safe habitation for man or beast in the cyclone country.

—A prominent Detroit democrat says Cleveland would not get a dozen votes for President to-day in a democratic national convention. Wrong! We can count thirteen from here.

—Attorney General Garland would like to have the country believe him innocent until he is proven guilty, and as long after that as possible.

—The great war cloud on the Grecian frontier is no bigger than a horse fly on a mule's front ear. Big smoke: little fire.

JOURNAL NOTINGS.

Plant trees now. The W. C. T. U. Convention closes to-day.

Is the city pound reception room in order?

Bowne has had a few cases of scarlet fever.

L. B. Lull has moved from Kent City to Sparta.

E. R. Collar is in Chicago, purchasing new goods.

The Telegram-Herald is newsy, bright and breezy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keyes of Stanton are in town.

Decoration day will be properly observed in Lowell.

Stephen Cooley of Campbell will build a new brick house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gilley are now residents of this village.

Mrs. Capt. Aram of San Jose, Cal. is at Mrs. C. M. Devendorf's.

Eli Burdick's house on West Main street is nearing completion.

Edward Taggart Esq. of Grand Rapids, was in Lowell Tuesday.

Easter services at the Congregational Church next Sunday morning.

Mrs. H. B. Church, who has been dangerously ill, is much better.

Rickert, the confectioner, started his ice cream foundry last Tuesday.

J. H. Rickert has returned from Kalamazoo to again reside in Lowell.

Straw hats from the thrashings of '85 are occasionally seen on our streets.

Saranac is steadily growing. New buildings going up there this season.

Reported that Martin Stiff is very ill at the home of his daughter in East Saginaw.

This is the season when the angle worm should be settling up his earthly affairs.

To Mrs. Jas. Robinson, of Shepard (see Jessie Dawson), formerly of Lowell, a fine son.

The recent warm rains made grass and wheat jump like a delinquent subscriber.

Mr. G. T. Miller, of Lockport, N. Y., has been visiting his Lowell sister, Mrs. E. Lee, Jr.

M. B. Thompson of Bowne is in California and likes it well enough there to buy the state.

Mr. J. Sankey, of San Francisco, Cal. is visiting his brother-in-law, C. Althen, of this village.

The Sunday edition of the Detroit Tribune needn't be ashamed to go to New York or Chicago.

Judge and jury meeting at S. A. barracks Sunday night. Capt. Wass and wife Monday night.

The Standard says there are hundreds of persons in Ionia who never attend church: Ditto here.

No hen is entitled to personal mention in the JOURNAL that doesn't lay an egg 8x10 in circumference.

The Knights of Labor should not forget that they belong to an order in principle opposed to strikes.

Who knows but Lowell is located right over a gold mine? And suppose the mine should explode!

No cattle, horses or hogs to promenade the streets of this village, remember, unattended by proper escort.

The Saranac village council have raised the liquor bonds to \$4,000. The amount formerly was \$3,000.

The Vergennes W. C. T. U. will meet with Belle Hodges on Thursday, April 29th, 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited.

The Ovenshires are building a new house on the Bunce road, west of Blaisdell's, on the opposite side of the road.

The JOURNAL will in due time make known the object and purposes of the Business Men's Protective Association of Lowell.

The commission of Postmaster Blair, of Grand Rapids, expires March 29, 1890. Sh! Mum's the word. Mor'n fifty men waiting to step in when he steps out.

Married—in this village April 20, by H. Nash Esq. Mr. John A. Karcher and Miss Ada E. Barrett, both of Campbell.

Program of L. L. C. April 23: Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton's Drama, "The Lady of Lyons," will be read by the ladies of the club.

Dr. Elsworth is reappointed health officer. This means clean up your back alleys and other foul places. The doctor makes a first-class health officer.

Mrs. S. D. Clay, of Grand Rapids, asks for a divorce from Mr. S. D. Clay on the ground of habitual drunkenness and Mr. Clay denies that there is any such ground.

The JOURNAL job printing office is now owned by J. K. Fairchild, a first-class job printer. His rooms are in Train's Hall block opposite the JOURNAL editorial office.

A fine speckled trout was caught from Flat river below the dam here the other day. It was a "stray," therefore the son of Vanderhule will not be prosecuted, as he was angling for suckers.

The Business Men's Protective Association held a meeting Monday evening and adopted a constitution and by-laws. Another meeting tonight at H. Nash's office. Business of importance.

There is a vast amount of sloshing around by a certain class of self-named independent papers, in their endeavor to stand in with all parties, politically, socially, religiously and otherwise.

Tickets are being sold for the S. O. V. prize drawing. An elegant parlor suite worth \$75, a plush couch worth \$18, and a marble top center table worth \$7.50 will be drawn. Tickets 50 cents each.

Are there any children of school age that do not attend school? It seems so, judging from the number of street urchins seen daily in our village. The streets are the primary schools of crime, parents.

At the Baptist church last Sunday evening the pastor's topic was "The Sabbath before Moses." Next Sunday morning his theme will be "The Change of Day," or, "The Sabbath before Constantine."

Charles Shear, a mentally incompetent man well along in years, died a few days ago at the home of Mr. Abram Shear, in Paris township. Charley was unfortunate, but inoffensive and always had friends.

Mr. Asa Tyler, an old resident of Bowne, and a man well known in Lowell, died on Monday afternoon, April 19th. The deceased had many warm personal friends by whom his death is deeply mourned.

Farmers every year get swindled by signing papers which to them look all right at the time. Later, when they are called upon to pay a \$200 note, they wonder how it was done. Beware of the smooth tongued stranger.

Comrades W. H. Eddy and Austin Lamberton of Joseph Wilson Post attended the G. A. R. encampment at Jackson this week. Mrs. M. M. Perry represented the Lowell W. R. C. as delegate to the meeting of the State W. R. C.

The season here is at least a month earlier than usual. Vegetation vegetated very early this spring, and the trees begin to leaf out. Possibly a cold wave may come along and blast things but it is time to cross the bridge when you get to it.

The JOURNAL labors under many disadvantages in endeavoring to report the proceedings of the W. C. T. U., but it has done the best it could under the circumstances. We are under special obligations to the Rev. Mr. Candee of Allegan county for the use of his notes of the daily sessions.

Mr. Geo. H. Cahoon has purchased the house in this village lately owned by H. G. Hall of Ionia, and will hereafter be one of our corporation citizens. His object in leaving his farm and coming to town is to give his children the benefit of our schools and churches. Chauncey Townsend of North Bradley takes Mr. Cahoon's farm to work.

"The Blondes" performed to a fair sized audience, including some well-known front seat occupants who part their hair with a towel. The show was reported good "for that kind of a show" but that kind of a show is not good for the Lowell youth. A show that cannot with propriety be attended by ladies is not the kind of a show Lowell needs.

Mr. E. Hatch started for Red Bluff, Cal., Monday, where he will join Morris Johnson in the work of putting up a roller process flouring mill. Messrs. Hatch and Johnson are skilled mechanics and experts at that business, having put up many roller process mills in the west. When done at Red Bluff they will take contracts for more work of the same kind elsewhere, undoubtedly.

The Hotchkin Family performed to a light audience here, owing to inclement weather. The bell ringing, xylophone and zither and other instrumental playing seemed to be heartily enjoyed. Miss Anna was the artist of the company. The singing, while not bad, could have been far excelled by a local soprano in the audience. The entertainment as a whole, however, was very pleasing.

Romaine Beadle, formerly of Lowell, has a boy not yet six years old who is a gifted elocutionist. He memorizes selections requiring thirty minutes for declamation and his gestures and imita-

tive powers are said to be remarkably good. His mother is a daughter of L. E. Jones and Jones is father to "Fannie Hollister," a very fine elocutionist. But look out for that boy. Don't push him to the front too fast.

Married—At the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. H. T. M. Treglown, Feb. 1st, 1886, by the Rev. D. L. Eaton, Mr. J. Harrison Rickett and Miss Louie Treglown. Though late in making the announcement public, congratulations of their many friends are theirs very truly. May joy and prosperity be theirs forevermore.

A gentleman who claims to know whereof he speaks says Congressman Comstock will be the fusion nominee for Congress this year. There will be a strong move in favor of Mr. L. M. Weston of Grand Rapids but it is claimed that Weston cannot carry the vote of the laboring men and he will have to give way to Comstock who thinks he can handle the Knights of Labor about as he pleases. Maybe so, and maybe not so.

It is said that Miss Folsom, the young lady who is to become President Cleveland's wife, is very beautiful in form and face. Of course she is. Did you ever hear of such a thing as a great man marrying a lady that wasn't beautiful? Makes no difference if she is homely enough to stop a clock, the papers gush over her and call her beautiful. Miss Folsom's picture makes her look quite plain, if not positively homely. If she were plain John Smith's daughter she wouldn't be picked up for her beauty, you bet.

More burglars. At about 11 o'clock Monday night Chas. McCarty's grocery was entered by burglars and a few dollars in change stolen from the till. Nothing else was missed. Entrance was gained through a broken glass in one of the front doors. Dr. McDannell, hearing the sound of falling glass, raised his office window and saw two men run from the grocery out of sight very quickly. It is believed that the burglars recently committed here have been done by home talent. It is hoped the rascals will be caught.

Gold has been discovered on Mr. G. Walker's place (the west half of the Olcott farm) just west of this village on the Ada road. Mr. Walker owns the west half, or 45 acres of the Olcott farm and his son-in-law, Mr. Huston, owns the east half. Having visited the Carr gold fields Mr. Huston at once came to the conclusion that about the same gold indications were seen on Walker's land, and upon investigation found traces of gold there similar to that on Carr's farm. How much or how little of the precious is there of course is not known.

To Dealers in Tobacco and Liquors. Your U. S. Special Tax and the State Tax must be paid on or before May 1st, 1886, to escape liability. I have the latest blank applications and will assist those wishing aid. M. M. PERRY. 44w2

Millinery. Carpenter and Co. have now a complete stock of millinery and fancy trimming goods. All the late novelties can be found in their stock. Ladies are invited to call and inspect the stock before purchasing elsewhere. No trouble to show goods and they will not be undersold. Mrs. Bosworth can be found at the store and will be glad to see her many friends. Give them a call. w1

Bowne Zephyrs. M. A. Holcomb is sizing up the pile of the town.

To J. A. Nash and wife, April 12th, a son.

Elijah Stahl lost a valuable watch a few days ago, while plowing for J. C. Johnson.

April 17th, John Bayley fell from a straw stack striking upon a hay knife, cutting his shoulder and arm in a frightful manner.

Wm. Lee has his new barn nearly completed.

Mrs. Spencer of Los Angeles, California, is visiting her brother, Henry Thompson. DAVE.

So. Boston Broomes. Mrs. Van Valkenburg had a finger amputated on Monday.

The remains of Frank Church, of Campbell, were buried in So. Boston cemetery on Monday.

Eddie Barber is in Chicago.

Morton Train, who has many relatives who read the JOURNAL, is dangerously ill at Kalamazoo.

One year ago last week Thursday we were drawing heavy loads on snow with sleighs. This year our hand plowed about a half of the day barefooted. Last year about the first plowing for oats was done April 22nd, this year nearly all the oats will be sown then. Seasons, like potatoes, no two alike.

J. F. Cilley has moved to Lowell.

Grattan Gatherings.

Last Monday mercury stood seven degrees above summer heat. We are having remarkable spring weather: dry and warm.

While at Belding last week, C. B. Reynolds of Rochester, N. Y. took the opportunity of visiting Mr. C. Close at Grattan Center.

Adelbert Huntley's son and a daughter, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Close.

Messrs. A. Brewer of Grand Rapids and Myres of Courtland, adjusted the

loss on Frank McArthur's house, lately burned, April 19.

Major Burton's Company gave an entertainment at Grattan Center April 20.

Mrs. Rannolds, the aged mother of Stephen Rannolds, died at his home April 17, aged 89 years. She was one of our pioneers and has for many years lived in South Grattan, beloved by all who knew her. She has for years been a worthy follower of the master whom she has served through a long life, not usually reached by man. Funeral and burial at Altou, April 19, 1886. MAUD.

News from the Southeast.

Charlie White and wife have moved to Clarksville.

The new agricultural building at Clarksville is completed.

Mrs. C. Lee has been away on a visit. Miss Eva Hess teaches the Lake school this summer.

Lotie Hughson has returned to Kalamazoo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sparks, a nine pound boy.

Mrs. Chas. Hauer is very sick at the present date.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Brace started for Penn. last week where they will make their home.

Amy Gibbons expects to teach the Rosenberger school the coming summer. C. J. B.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Lowell, April 19, 1886.

Meeting of the Common Council.

Present President Stone, trustees Look and Weekes and the Recorder.

The President announced the following standing committees:

Finance: Messrs. Look, King and Weekes.

Street: Messrs. King, Look and Sunderlin.

Fire: Messrs. Weekes, Look and King. License: President and Recorder.

On motion Messrs. C. B. Hine and R. Hunter Jr. were appointed members of the board of review for the village.

On motion Samuel F. Edmonds was appointed Street Commissioner for the Village.

On motion Messrs. S. Brower, B. G. Wilson and R. Quick were appointed a board of Building Inspectors for the village.

On motion the saloon bonds were fixed at \$3,000 for the ensuing year.

On motion A. K. Lamb and Geo. F. Lane were appointed special policemen for the village for the municipal year.

On motion the council organized as a Board of Health according to provisions of section 49, chapter 39, of the statutes of the State of Michigan.

On motion the Council adjourned. E. A. SUNDERLIN, Recorder.

Lowell, April 19, 1886.

Meeting of the Board of Health.

Present President Stone, Messrs. Look, Weekes and Sunderlin.

On motion the rules and regulations of last year were adopted as rules and regulations of the Board of Health for the ensuing year.

On motion Dr. A. M. Elsworth was appointed Health Officer of the village for the ensuing year.

On motion the board of health adjourned. E. A. SUNDERLIN, Sec'y.

The genuine Reed Kalamazoo Spring Tooth goods; no fear of royalty. Sold by H. NASH.

Examine the Enterprise Windmill. For sale by H. NASH.

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The Plattner Jr. Cultivator beats them all. Sold by H. NASH.

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But this year we are showing double the usual quantity at prices much lower than ever before. We are offering bargains in

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We buy the most of our goods at the factories in full cases, which gives us a very Large Stock and enables us to sell them lower than we otherwise could

THE W. C. T. U.

Fifth District Convention.

The eleventh annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of the fifth congressional district was opened at the M. E. Church in this village on Tuesday afternoon, April 20th, with a large attendance of delegates. The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. A. S. Benjamin, of Portland. Devotional exercises followed, led by Mrs. Moore of Lowell. After reports of committees and the adoption of a new constitution an experience meeting was held. The question, "What is your Union doing for Temperance?" was thoroughly discussed. Mrs. Johns of Flint, President of the Sixth District Union, being present was pressed into active and acceptable service.

The evening session was opened with music by the M. E. choir. Devotions led by Rev. J. W. Davids. The address of welcome by Mrs. S. Brower, was read by her daughter May. It was well prepared, well rendered and ably responded to by Mrs. E. F. Waldo, of Wayland.

Mrs. Benjamin, the President, delivered a very interesting and instructive address with excellent effect. She reviewed the work of the organization, showing most gratifying progress and success. Still there is work yet to do. It cannot be done in a day, but they must not grow weary in well doing. She made a strong plea in behalf of her sex and pointed out the advantages and benefits derived from such meetings. Women need to come in contact with the outer world in order to develop their minds and fit them for life's duties. Women, she said, spend too much time, money and strength in caring for bodily wants and desires and too little for the welfare of their souls. The body should be preserved as a fit habitation for the soul. Great progress has been made in the work of the Union, and a marked success in securing temperance instruction in schools. Yet, she said, while the Great Fathers at Washington can vote \$79,000,000 to build school houses and support public schools they cannot vote for temperance instruction in those schools. Mrs. Benjamin recommended juvenile temperance organizations, hoping they would be formed into a district organization as an auxiliary to the district W. C. T. U. She has for many years been a hard worker in the cause and she talks as she works, very earnestly. A recitation "If I were a boy" by little Minnie Jennings of Freeport was admirably rendered and brought forth a storm of applause. The evening's session was ably presided over by Mrs. P. A. Clark, of Whitneyville.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
Session opened at 9 o'clock. After singing and reading of the minutes, the reports of the Vice Presidents were received. Mrs. Waldo of the Allegan county Union reported large growth in membership and number of Unions; two Bands of Hope organized. The press and other work pushed vigorously. Complained of non-enforcement of the law requiring temperance instruction in the schools. The Dorr Union only seven months old has raised \$47. The report was followed by an interesting discussion.

Mrs. M. S. Van Olinda, of Holland, reported for Ottawa county. This county is largely inhabited by Hollanders, a good and temperate people. Do not have the aid of literature as much as desired.

Mrs. H. M. Willson, of Ionia, said she did not have much of a report to make. Much was expected from the "Flower Mission." Mrs. Benjamin explained that "Flower Mission" meant the distribution of flowers among the inmates of our reformatory institutions, &c. in the hope of doing much good thereby.

Mrs. E. A. Wheeler of Grand Rapids explained "Kindergarten." Kindergarten is the garden of children, where children work and play under the care and guidance of teachers qualified to so instruct them that the physical and mental powers may be properly trained together. The advantages of this system are now generally recognized, and provision should be made to bring all children into the Kindergarten. The W. C. T. U. has undertaken to introduce this work into all circles and among all classes. Grand Rapids is fast adopting the system.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Session opened with singing and prayer. Mrs. Church, President of the Montcalm County Union, was present and invited the ladies of the convention to attend the Montcalm County Union's annual meeting at Greenville next week.

Mrs. Nichols, President of the Indiana State W. C. T. U., and National Superintendent of Fairs was introduced to the convention and made a few interesting remarks.

Mrs. Doe, of Saginaw, President of Michigan State Suffrage Association was introduced and invited to take a seat on the platform.

Mrs. Dr. Whitfield led the discussion on heredity, followed by Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Benjamin and Rev. J. T. Husted. The discussion was both entertaining and enlightening.

Report on scientific instruction was made by Mrs. Chapman of Lowell. A general discussion followed attended with great interest.

Mrs. R. M. Kellogg's report on "franchise" was ably prepared. Mrs. K. said suffrage is meeting with growing favor. The women have generally favored the prohibition party with a hope that that party would endorse woman suffrage. The future will determine the result. Shall the W. C. T. U. demand of the prohibition party that it adopt equal suffrage as a party issue, second only to that of prohibition?
Mrs. Emily Ketcham of Grand Rap-

ids led in the discussion that followed with a strong argument and appeal in behalf of equal suffrage. "Woman" she says, has always been the best, the wisest, the truest, the most self-sacrificing, the most deserving, and yet the least appreciated and least rewarded friend of man. Her presence everywhere is elevating and men's manhood would be lost without woman's influence. No place is fit for man where women are excluded, and women are on the right side of all moral questions. She was made an abolitionist when a girl by reading Uncle Tom's Cabin. She rejoiced to see the slaves made free and little thought the time would come when native born white citizens would stand humbled at their feet as an inferior, as she now does stand. Women demand the ballot as a means of self-protection as certainly as the freedmen of the South ever did."

Mrs. Doe made a few points in favor of equal suffrage. The discussion was all on one side and some who were present say the arguments were as able as any they have ever heard on that subject. The question has been agitated these many years and it is hard to say just what progress, if any, has been made for the last decade.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.
Session opened with music by the Congregational choir, followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Husted. Next, song by the choir "where is my boy to-night?" The church was filled to its utmost capacity.

The principal feature of the evening was the lecture of Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols, of Indianapolis, temperance being her theme. She began by saying that the downfall of nations has invariably been preceded by excesses, mentioning historical facts in support of the assertion.

It is every citizen's duty to take warning and see to it that our glorious Republic does not suffer the same fate. Unless the liquor traffic is overthrown our sacred institutions are in danger. The United States to-day pay more money for liquor than to all the clergy and school teachers in this country. Just think of that. More money paid out for this one sin, this one great evil, than for all the preaching and school instruction in our land. Can a great country prosper dominated by King Alcohol? She is not a politician nor an office seeker but she has a right to cry out against evil. Drunkenness in Washington and drinking in the President's mansion are part of the unwritten history of public life. Whiskey in our elections is the strongest wire puller in the field and it is a shameful fact that two-thirds of our public officers are drinking men. This evil is not individual only. Society suffers and vice and crime make life miserable and degrading. There is a fatality in the business of liquor selling. The sons and daughters of distillers and dealers generally turn out bad. Who are responsible for this state of things? Foundation of good Government must be the virtue and morals of its people. Liquor dealers should not be allowed to hold or control public offices. The speaker arraigned the law makers for handling the question with gloves, the clergymen for too often neglecting their duty in this great work. Ministers of the gospel would do more for the cause of Christ if they would preach temperance more and dogmas less. Laws must accord with public sentiment, not drag behind. True, public sentiment must stand behind law to enforce it but our law makers should make laws accord with public sentiment.

Scientists refute the idea that alcohol is food and medicine for the body. It is not necessary to bodily health. Lawyers were arraigned for defending liquor clients; and the women were arraigned for allowing intoxicants in the home circle. Woman is the autocrat of society. She makes the laws governing society. Women in high circles, women of culture and intellect are largely responsible for social drinking and drunkenness. This is a fearful responsibility and the women must meet it. We can't vote but we can refuse to entertain this evil in our homes. Some women curse the saloon and at the same time offer wine to New Year callers. It is asserted that more women in so called high circles drink than men. She herself, had seen women of culture and intellect dead drunk. A more revolting spectacle cannot be imagined than this. Women must work on until this great evil is overthrown.

We do not depend upon the power of eloquence but the power of prayer. Pray and work, work and pray for the death of King Alcohol.

Slavery existed until public sentiment crushed it. Public sentiment is growing in favor of temperance and will rise up in its strength and wipe out the foul blot of intemperance. Woman's fight against the liquor traffic is a fight for home and loved ones.

The speaker related several touching incidents in course of her lecture and her closing apostrophe to womanhood was eloquent and impressive. Her lecture was very ably prepared and delivered without the aid of manuscript.

Bessie White and Minnie Jennings delivered recitations with great credit. A collection was taken, the choir sang and the session closed with benediction by the Rev. Mr. Candee.

THURSDAY MORNING.
After routine business Mrs. J. S. Hunt of Smyrna, President of the Ionia County Union, gave the Vice President's report from that county. The report indicates a forward movement in Ionia County.

Mrs. P. A. Clark, of Whitneyville, President of the Kent Co. Union, reported for said county. Kent has 18 Unions and is moving forward grandly.

Mrs. Johnson was called upon for suggestions on the subject of juvenile work. A committee was appointed to report some general plan and a suitable name for the juvenile organization.

Mrs. Wheeler, Secretary, reported on temperance literature; read a circular

from Miss Willard urging the literature published by the Union Signal office. Mrs. Church of Greenville, President of the Montcalm County Union, spoke on the question.

[NOTE.—The remainder of the proceedings of the Convention will be published in next week's JOURNAL, it being impossible to hold open the forms of the paper for more than this week. Parties desiring extra copies of next week's JOURNAL will please notify the publisher as early as possible.]

CONVENTION NOTES.
The visitors have been well entertained and appreciate the efforts of the W. C. T. U. in that direction.

There are 30 Unions of the district represented by 105 delegates and officers and there have been present 92 visitors from abroad.

The convention has been a decided success in every respect.

Mrs. T. W. Moore, of Allegan, sent the Convention a magnificent bouquet of trailing arbutus, for which the Convention tendered a vote of thanks.

The following from a distinguished visitor is handed us for publication: Mrs. Benjamin, the presiding officer, is a wonderful woman; clear brained, ready wit, flow of language unsurpassed. Never saying a wrong thing, but on every subject her mind fully made up and the brain to place it intelligently before us. Mrs. Wheeler, secretary of the District Union, a sweet picture to look at, a woman of great versatility of talent, not the least of which is distinct writing. These on the rostrum; but what of the pews? Not a face without a thoughtful expression, but the difference! Earnest, anxious faces, impatient of the waiting; others, the calm expression with the sunlight of peace on them. O the W. C. T. U. God bless the bright, earnest, prayerful women of the 5th district.

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