

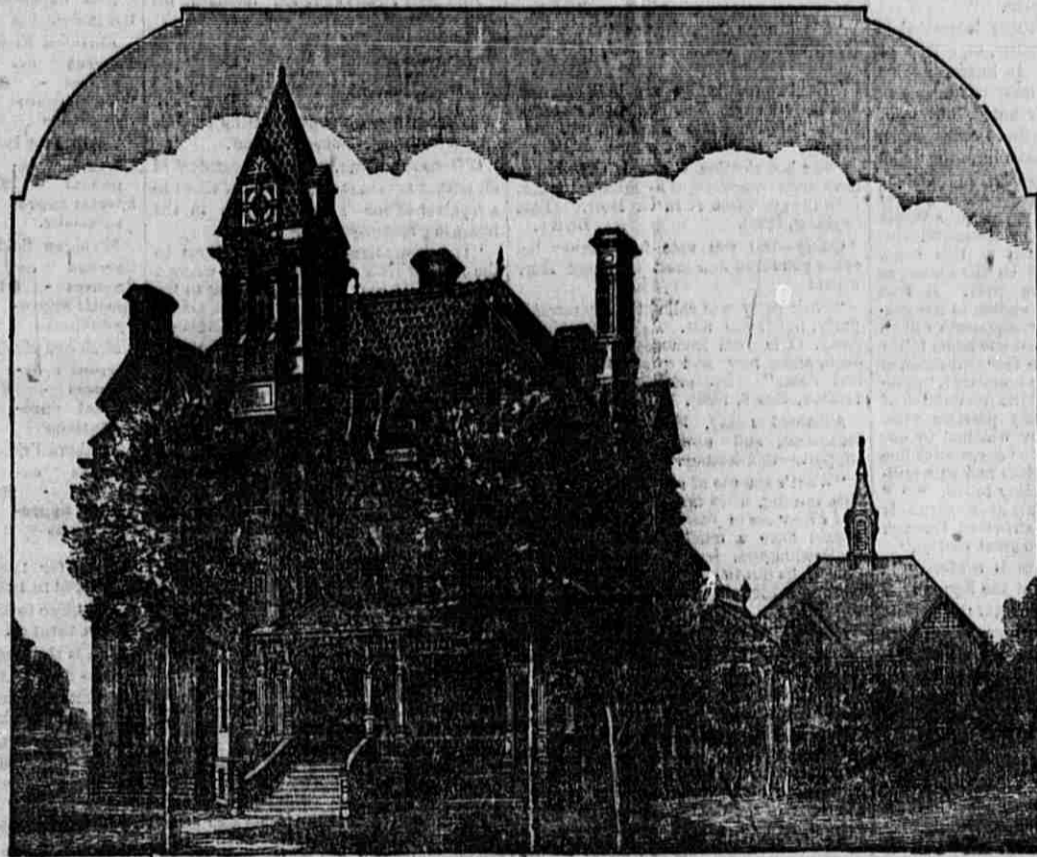
PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH, MR. BURT.

Workingmen, Laborers, Farmers, Taxpayers, compare the houses, compare the records, of their owners and judge for yourselves who has in the past shown himself a consistent exponent of economy, of fair taxpaying, and of friendship for the laboring classes.

THE HOUSE THAT BURT BUILT.

How Burt's House is Assessed.

The adjoining cut shows the home of W. R. Burt, candidate for Governor. The house is built of red pressed brick, with Portage Lake red sandstone trimmings, is splendidly finished, and the barn is built of the same material as the house. The billiard room is equipped with the highest priced outfits. The ground upon which it stands would be worth without any improvements \$7000 to \$8000. The house itself was reported to have cost over \$60,000, and there is no question that the property is worth from \$70,000 to \$80,000. It is assessed this year at \$28,000. It was first placed on the assessment roll in the year 1886. The record of the Board of Review for May 19, 1886, reads: "W. R. Burt addressed the Board in behalf of his personal and real assessment, claiming proportionately too high. After listening to him the matter was laid over." May 23, 1886, the record shows that on account of this personal solicitation and influence the valuation of his residence on lots 5, 6, 11 and 12, block 12, Glassby, Gallagher and Little's addition, was reduced to \$25,000.



Burt's Station in Life.

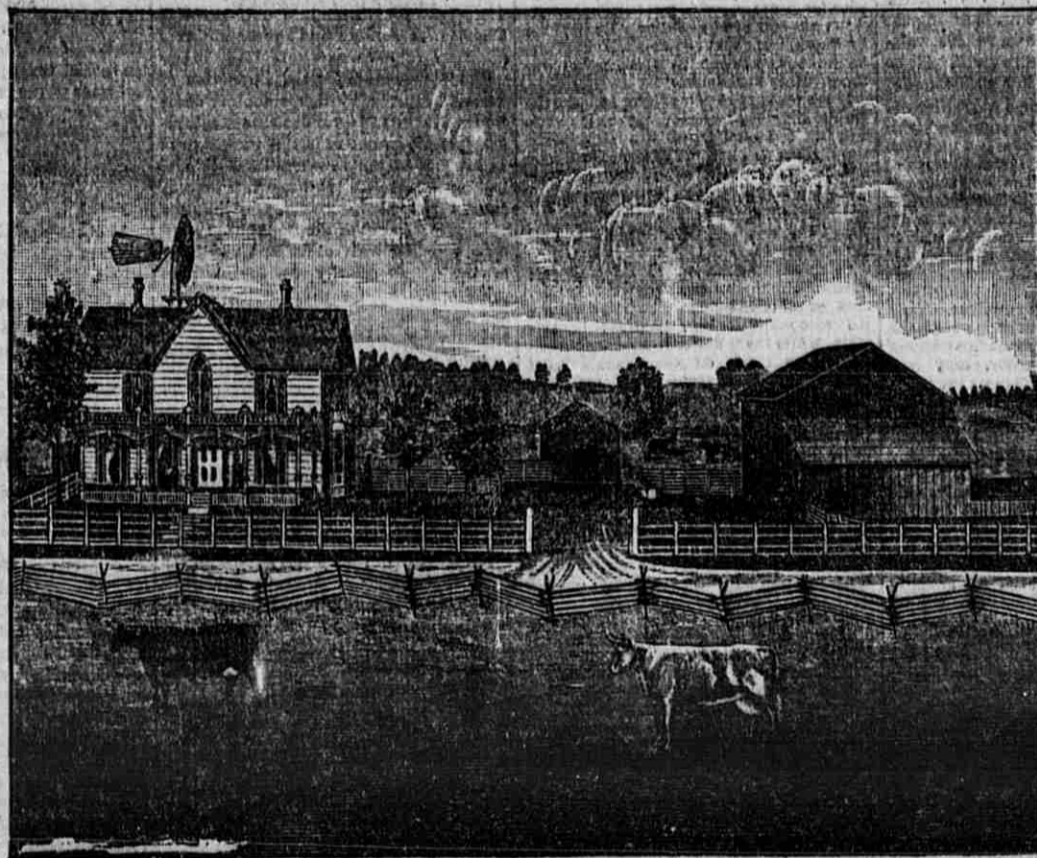
Theron P. Keator, a printer, who made a four-years tour around the world, working at his trade in every country, was in Detroit recently and in the course of a conversation said: "I arrived in St. Ignace on the same train with Wellington R. Burt, the Democratic candidate for Governor. The place of speaking was Orth's Hall, the only good hall in the place. The only other place for holding a meeting was a dingy old hall on the opposite side of the bay. When Mr. Burt arrived the Democrats bestirred themselves to hold an opposition gathering, but the Republicans had engaged a band and had the only good place. So the Republican committee sent over to Mr. Burt and offered to hold a joint discussion and divide time in Orth's Hall. The Chairman of the Democratic committee bore the message to Mr. Burt and returned with his answer after dinner. It was that he didn't care to discuss political issues with anybody not in his station of life!"

The above is a fac-simile of a photograph of the house occupied by Wellington R. Burt, taken Oct. 11, by Goodridge Bros. of East Saginaw.

WHERE THE GOVERNOR LIVES.

How Luce's House Was Built.

In the year 1849, when he was 25 years old, Cyrus G. Luce bought, with the savings of his earlier years, a small farm in Gilead, Branch county. This has been his constant residence ever since, except during a short period, when official duties required his presence in Coldwater, and during his first gubernatorial term, when he has had his residence in Lansing, in order that he might the better attend to the duties of his high office. Mr. Luce has extended and improved his farm until it is one of the best in the county, and out of the profits of that farm has built the modest house which is shown in the adjoining cut. It is a plain, clap-boarded building, not so pretentious as that occupied by Mr. Burt, and not costing more than one-tenth part as much as the palatial residence of the latter. Mr. Luce, although in his early years he did hard work at carding wool and dressing cloth, and has since worked hard at farming, does not pose as especially "the poor man's friend," but he pays his taxes regularly, and there is no record of his appearing before the Board of Supervisors to get the assessment on his house cut down to one-half or two-fifths of its proper figure.



Luce's Station in Life.

In his nominating speech at the Grand Rapids convention, Aug. 26, 1886, the Hon. J. C. Burrows truthfully characterized Cyrus G. Luce as "that practical farmer, that co-worker with the toiling masses, that fearless champion of American industries." It is certainly safe to say that there is no man in the state who is so well and personally known to so large a number of the farming population of Michigan as Mr. Luce. He is only known to be respected and esteemed for his good sense, excellent executive abilities and plain, old-fashioned honesty. His characteristics are those that grapple the working classes to him. He is one of them emphatically, with a common interest and sympathy. Mr. Luce, has swung the ax, held the plow and used the hoe, and in the most prosperous conditions of his life, whether as master of the the Grange, member of a Constitutional convention, member of the House, State Senator, or Governor, he never refused to talk with farmer, printer, mechanic or any other laborer, because the laborer was "not in his station in life."

The above is a fac-simile of a photograph taken recently of Gov. Luce's modest home on his farm in Gilead, Branch County.

COMPARE THEIR RECORDS.

Mr. Wellington R. Burt, the Democratic candidate for Governor, has had so little connection with public affairs in this state that his name does not appear in the books of biographical sketches most commonly referred to. He has, however, been a successful and prosperous lumberman and salt manufacturer, and is President of the Michigan Salt Association, and the virtual head of the salt trust. He has, within two years, been both a Republican and a Democrat; within the past six months has opposed a reduction of the duty on lumber and salt, and then favored the Mills Bill, which puts many Michigan products on the free list. He denounced that bill in a letter written on the 17th of July, and two days later, after being nominated for Governor, accepted the bill, the President's message and a platform which endorsed both. He now poses as "the poor man's friend," but refused to discuss political questions with an educated and eloquent printer because the latter was "not in his station of life." He sympathizes with the poor people of the state because they are taxed so high, and then goes before the Board of Review to get the assessment on his \$80,000 residence reduced to \$25,000. He has shown himself consistent in nothing, and since he was struck with the itch for office a demagogue in everything.

Governor Cyrus G. Luce, during his youth, endured the hardships incident to a pioneer life in a Western State; from the age of 17 to 24 years worked at carding wool and dressing cloth, and when 25 settled upon a farm on which he has done many years of hard work. He so gained the respect of his neighbors that he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors 11 times, Representative in the Legislature once, State Senator twice, and a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1867. The people of the whole state elected him Governor two years ago. He has also been a member of the State Board of Agriculture and of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society. He was Master of the State Grange for six years and contributed materially to the growth of that order. He has thus had large experience in public affairs, and has been consistent in his political views and record.

Farmers, laborers, taxpayers, voters, which of the two candidates will you have?

