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BIG BOOST FOR PAW PAW AND MAPLE LAKE

Maple Lake Improvement Company Has Been Organized.

BOUGHT LANDS AROUND LAKE

Same Being Platted. Company Will Improve Property and Sell Lots for Building Purposes.

A deal that promises to be the biggest "boost" that Paw Paw ever had was consummated last week. The lands adjoining Maple Lake have been purchased mostly by local people and a company organized which will be known as the Maple Lake Improvement Company. The officers of the new corporation are: T. J. Cavanaugh, president; S. O. Kenyon, vice president; H. L. McNeil, secretary and treasurer; W. J. Thomas, manager. W. J. Hutchinson, an expert advertiser of Portland, Mich., is also interested in the company.

The company is capitalized at \$20,000 and they have already closed the deal for the east part of the Thomas land on the west bank of Maple Lake, the Butler land east of the Allegan road and the Ferguson land. Surveyor Warren H. Goss is busy with a force of men surveying and platting the above parcels. Roads will be laid out, lands cleared up and docks built. As soon as the land is platted, lots will be placed on sale at reasonable prices and easy terms.

Mrs. Wm. C. Flook and Marcus McEachron have purchased the beautiful

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TENDER THANKS TO SEN. JOHNSON

Brodhead Post Grateful for Efforts of Ex-confederate in Behalf of Comrade John Reed.

Brodhead Post G. A. R. of Paw Paw are grateful to Senator Joseph F. Johnson of Alabama for the interest he manifested in the removal of the unjust charges of desertion that have for these many years been on the military records against John Reed of this place.

At a recent meeting the following resolutions were adopted and spread on the records of the post:

Whereas, Senator Joseph F. Johnson, a member of the United States senate, and an ex-confederate soldier, interested himself in the matter of the removal of an unjust charge of desertion that was standing on the military records at Washington against our comrade and fellow member of Brodhead Post, G. A. R., No. 31, department of Michigan, and was instrumental in having such charge removed;

And, Whereas, The members of this post fully appreciate the patriotic sentiments expressed by said Senator Johnson in his communications to members of this post relative to the above mentioned matter;

Therefore, Resolved, That this post fully agrees with the senator that if the differences and discussions that existed between the north and the south at the close of the great civil war could have been left to the decision of the brave soldiers and honorable foemen of either army, it would have been far better for our common country and much history that reflects no honor upon the nation would never have been written;

Resolved, That we rejoice that we have lived to witness the day when practically all former enmities and sectional differences have disappeared, and when we know no north or south, but only one nation and one flag, to which all sections are loyal and true;

Resolved, That this post hereby tenders to Senator Johnson a sincere and unanimous vote of thanks for his successful efforts in behalf of Comrade John Reed and for the patriotic sentiments expressed in his communications to members of this post;

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread at large on the records of this post and that they be published in our local newspapers and that an engrossed copy thereof be forwarded to Senator Johnson, for whom we entertain a high degree of esteem and a sincere regard.

MASONS PLAN SOCIAL SESSION.

The committee on entertainment for Paw Paw lodge No. 25, F. & A. M., have arranged for another social session on Tuesday evening, April 5. An interesting program has been prepared, and the event promises to be the social event of the year in the masonic lodge. All masons and their families are cordially invited on this occasion. The complete program for the evening will be published in these columns next week. Remember the date, Tuesday evening, April 5.

WOMEN TO REGISTER AGAIN

If They Would Vote on April 4. Registration Day April 2nd at Clerk's Office. Enrollment Day April 4.

Attention is again called to the election, registration and enrollment notices in this issue. Registration day is Saturday, April 2nd at the township clerk's office. Election day is Monday, April 4, at the opera house. Primary enrollment day is also Monday, April 4. Enrollment board will be in session at the opera house. Women in both the village and township who are taxpayers and have the qualifications of male electors can register on Saturday, April 2nd, and vote on the granting of the electric railway franchise in the township.

Women of the village should remember that registration for village election does not qualify them for township election. All women who desire to vote on Monday, April 4, must register on April 2nd.

REPUBLICANS WILL CAUCUS TOMORROW

No Opposition to Young for Supervisor and Bennett for Clerk. Merry Scrap for Office of Treasurer.

The republican electors should remember that the caucus for the nomination of the various township officers will be held at the opera house on Saturday, March 26, at 2:30 p. m.

As stated in these columns last week, there will probably be no opposition to the nomination of Merl H. Young for supervisor and Bert Bennett for clerk. Both have served for one year, and have given universal satisfaction.

For treasurer, A. W. Showerman, Roy Tuttle and Els Bathrick will fight for the nomination.

For highway commissioner, Clarence Smith has announced himself as a candidate. He is the only candidate mentioned for the place to date.

For the other places on the ticket, no other names have been mentioned. The caucus will undoubtedly be well attended, and a ticket placed in nomination that will be a credit to the party and a winner at the polls on election day.

TOLD OF TRIP TO YUCATAN

Hon. G. W. Merriman Guest of Fellowship Club. Interesting Address on Yucatan. Trip to Scotland Next.

Members of the Fellowship club who were not present at the meeting at the home of Bert Bred last Wednesday evening missed a rare treat indeed. Hon. G. W. Merriman of Hartford was present, and gave a highly interesting and instructive talk on his recent trip to Yucatan. The music by the Wheaton brothers and Guy Warner, and a vocal solo by Blaine Warner were all enjoyed. Bountiful refreshments were served, and it was the universal opinion of those who were there that this was the best meeting of the year.

The next meeting of the club will be on Tuesday evening, March 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole. The club will take a trip to Scotland with Hon. N. H. Stewart of Kalamazoo.

CHEAPER TO BURY THE DEAD

Two Parties Paid Fines for Leaving Dead Animals Unburied. Some People Slow to Learn.

W. C. Tyler of Arlington was brought before Justice Killefer by Humane Officer McCabe last Tuesday for leaving a dead cow unburied. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Oren Tyler of Antwerp got the same sentence from Justice Killefer for leaving a dead horse unburied. It would seem that some people would soon come to the conclusion that it is cheaper to bury their dead.

TEACHERS HERE IN FORCE.

The annual meeting of the Van Buren county Teachers association held in Paw Paw last Friday and Saturday was well attended. There were about 150 teachers present. The M. E. church was crowded on Friday to hear Prof. F. A. Barbour of Ypsilanti, and the program on Saturday was carried out as advertised. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, A. D. Prentice, South Haven; Vice President, E. V. Root, Bangor; Secretary and Treasurer, Maude Baughman, Bloomingdale.

WHISTERS GO TO BANGOR.

The Paw Paw whist club will be the guests of the Bangor team this Friday evening. The party will leave here about 5 o'clock in automobiles, returning after the game.

"WET" ARGUMENTS FALSE

Letter From John W. Bailey, Mayor of Battle Creek, Shows Falsity of Circulars Stating Local Option Was Failure in Battle Creek.

Van Buren county has been flooded with "wet" campaign literature showing what purported to be a deplorable state of affairs in Calhoun county and especially Battle Creek, how local option was an utter failure there and that business had suffered materially by reason of the local option law. The following letter shows how utterly false are the arguments advanced by the saloon advocates:

Battle Creek, Michigan, March 15, 1910.
REV. CLARENCE E. HOAG,
St. Joseph, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Hoag:—I have your favor of the 14th and am not surprised that the managers of the wet campaign in Van Buren county are misrepresenting the local option situation here, as I have had letters from different parts of the United States advising me of the same. A local paper some time since printed an article which was evidently written for the purpose of being clipped and put into circular form for use by the wets in their different campaigns around the country.

Our city was never in a more prosperous condition from a business standpoint than now. All our men are working at good wages. Men who formerly did nothing but hang around saloons are working and supporting their families. Every retail and wholesale merchant in the city has done more business since May 1, 1909, when local option took effect, than they ever did before. They are not only selling more goods, but are getting their pay more promptly than ever they did before. Men are evidently spending in dry goods and grocery stores, butcher shops and furnishing stores, etc., the money they formerly spent in the 40 wet patronized saloons that were operated here. The savings accounts in our banks are constantly increasing.

Nearly every danger predicted by the wets during the campaign for local option has been disproven.

Local option has been fairly enforced and quite successful in this city. It has benefited our community from the standpoint of business as well as morals. I think most of our people are better and happier by reason of the change.

I enclose a statement of our financial condition at the beginning of this month.

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND COMMON COUNCIL OF BATTLE CREEK:
Overdrawn and misappropriated, \$44,546.24
(This has been paid out of current funds, and no fund is overdrawn March 1, 1910).

The city tax rate in 1909 was the same as previous years. We have been deprived of the funds formerly received from liquor licenses and have paid the overdraft and misappropriations of the previous year.

In view of the above, our taxpayers and citizens will be pleased with the following statement:

Cash on hand March 1, 1909,	\$ 2,008.29
Cash on hand March 1, 1910,	65,947.89
Cash on hand in excess of cash on hand one year ago, ..	63,939.60
Overdrawn and misappropriated March 1, 1909,	44,546.24
Cash on hand March 1, 1910,	63,939.60
Total balance to the good in favor of the dry administration for the year,	108,485.84

It seems to me that this is an effective answer so far as the financial proposition is concerned.

With kindest personal regards, I remain
Yours very truly,
JOHN W. BAILEY, Mayor.

MUST ENROLL FOR THE PRIMARIES

Monday April 4 is Enrollment Day. All Political Parties Must Enroll. Last Chance Before Primaries.

Attention is called to several features of the new primary law which are probably not thoroughly understood by the voters of the county. In the first place all political parties must nominate their candidates for county offices and also governor and lieutenant governor by the primary system. The primaries for this purpose will be held throughout the state on Tuesday, September 6, 1910. Heretofore the law has affected the republican party only, but now it applies to all parties.

The primary statute fixes the first Monday in April preceding the September primary as enrollment day. This is the only opportunity that will be given members of the various political parties for enrollment. The enrollment board will be in session at the opera house on Monday, April 4, and those who are not already enrolled under the previous statute must make application to the board on that day for such enrollment. The statute provides that in case of sickness or unavoidable absence, parties may be enrolled later. Also those who become 21 years of age after enrollment day, and prior to September 6, can also be enrolled.

Voters of all political parties should bear in mind that Monday, April 4, is enrollment day, and that it will be the only day on which they can be enrolled. To vote at the primaries, one must be enrolled under the party of their political faith. Monday, April 4, is the day. If you would participate in the nomination of the various candidates on September 6, be sure to enroll.

This of course applies to those who are not already enrolled under the old statute. Registration and enrollment however, do not mean the same. Bear this in mind.

Republican caucus tomorrow, Saturday, March 26.

COURT CONVENED MONDAY

Only Two Cases on Criminal Calendar. Jury Comes Monday. Call of Civil Cases. Divorce Granted.

The circuit court for the county of Van Buren convened for the regular March term last Monday. The calendar was the lightest in years, there being but two criminal cases to be disposed of.

Harry Larson was arraigned and plead guilty to the charge of sodomy. Wakely Eikenburg was arraigned on a charge of violation of the local option law. He waived the reading of the information, and plead not guilty to the charge. A motion was made by his attorney to continue the case over the term.

Decree of divorce was granted in the case of Ida M. Mumaugh vs. Charles Mumaugh of Decatur.

The jury will come next Monday and the following civil cases have been placed on call for hearing in the following order:

- No. 1. James Merrill vs. David C. Leisenring.
- No. 2. Andrew D. Benway vs. Sylvester G. Reynolds.
- No. 3. People vs. Eikenburg.
- No. 4. Alvaretta Nightengale vs. Fred W. Oten.
- No. 5. Mary E. Perry vs. Ansel Goodspeed.
- No. 6. Blackburn Brown Co. vs. David E. Cleveland.

DEATH OF FORMER PAW PAW CITIZEN

H. T. Sprague Passed from this Life at His Home in Portland, Oregon, March 11.

The True Northerner is in receipt of the following account of the death of H. T. Sprague at his home in Portland, Oregon, copied from the Portland Oregonian. Mr. Sprague was a former resident of Paw Paw and moved to Portland about a year ago. He has many friends here who will be grieved to learn of his death:

"H. T. Sprague formerly of Paw Paw, Mich., suddenly passed from this life at Portland, Oregon, March 11, while in a down town office. Mr. Sprague had lived in Oregon less than a year, but had made many warm friends both socially and in a business way. While retired from active business life, he found it difficult to be idle, and the many alluring opportunities for investment in this western country, had attracted him into several ventures, in which it is thought he had somewhat overtaxed his physical strength and force."

BOOSTERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

For Improvement and Welfare of Village. Judge Des Voignes Addressed Club at Meeting last Tuesday.

The last meeting of the Boosters' club, held at the Dyckman house last Tuesday, was of unusual interest. The usual number were in attendance. The committee on general welfare presented several propositions for the improvement of West Main street, the walk and piers at the lake, and also Pottawattamie island. An interesting letter was read from John I. Gibson, for many years identified with the board of trade of Battle Creek. Judge Des Voignes gave an address describing conditions and improvements at Cassopolis, and expressed optimistic views for the future of Paw Paw. The president appointed M. L. Decker, Hon. David Anderson and John Mutchler as entertainment committee for the next meeting.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Bert Osborn Alleged to have Broken Into and Entered Residence of Dave Chase and Taken Shot Gun.

Bert Osborn, late of Paw Paw, now of Pugsley's lake, was arrested on Wednesday charged with burglary. Some one broke into and entered the residence of Dave Chase of Waverly and carried away a shot gun and some other articles. Osborn was suspected of being the guilty party and armed with a search warrant Officer McCabe found what is alleged to be the missing gun among Osborn's effects. He was taken before Justice Killefer and in the absence of Osborn's attorney the examination was held open and the accused man was taken to the county jail.

HATS OFF TO GOBLES.

Hats off to the village of Gobleville. The merchants there are showing a progressive spirit and emulating the custom of merchants in the cities. Last Saturday Fischer's World's Fair orchestra of Kalamazoo played during the afternoon at the opening of Duguid's department store.

MATINEE MUSICALE.

The piano pupils of Mrs. Claire Harrison will give a matinee musicale and composer's party on Tuesday, March 29, at 2:30 p. m. Each pupil may invite one guest.

ALLISON JOHNSON BADLY SCALDED

By Steam From his Engine. Injector Opened while Under Engine.

MAY LOSE SIGHT OF EYES

Taken to Borgess Hospital. Result of Injuries Cannot be Determined. Was Veteran Engineer.

Allison Johnson, engineer on the K. L. S. & C. railroad was seriously scalded by steam from his engine last Monday. He had reached Kalamazoo on the morning run and found that something was out of order with his engine. He climbed from the cab and crawled under the engine to ascertain the cause of the trouble if possible. While lying on his back examining the mechanism of the engine his fireman started the injector to fill the boiler with water. The escaping steam from the pipes struck Mr. Johnson full in the face, scalding him in a terrible manner.

The injured man was taken to the Portage hotel and the extent of his injuries cannot be ascertained at this time. It was feared, however, that he would lose the sight of one, and possibly both eyes.

He is one of the oldest engineers on the road and this is his first serious accident. It is hoped that his injuries will not prove as serious as at first reported and that he may recover without any serious consequences.

No blame is attached to the fireman who is directly responsible for the accident. He did not know that Mr. Johnson was near the steam pipe when the injector was started.

CLOSING DAYS ARE STRENUOUS

Local Option Sole Topic of Conversation. Good Majority for the Drys Predicted.

The local option campaign is fast drawing to a close. As election day draws near, the contest becomes more intense. Both sides are putting forth their best efforts to win. Local option seems to be the one absorbing topic of conversation on the street corners and in the stores. If any opinion can be formed by comments heard on the street and from the reports from the various meetings held in different parts of the county, there is no danger of the outcome. Saloons will not return.

For the first time in the history of local option campaigns in this county the "wets" have secured speakers to advocate the open saloon. Hon. Chas. Towne, formerly United States senator from Minnesota and now of New York City, gave an address in favor of the saloon at the opera house here last night. We go to press too early to make any comments on his address. The "drys" have held many meetings in various parts of the county during the past week and good reports come from the meetings.

Following are the "dry" meetings scheduled for the coming week:

Paw Paw opera house Friday evening, March 25, M. A. Myers and E. S. Rowland of South Haven and Hon. David Anderson of Paw Paw. Mr. Myers is secretary and Mr. Rowland superintendent of the Cable-Nelson Piano Co. This factory employs about 250 men, and it is significant when the largest manufacturing concern in Van Buren county is supporting local option.

Paw Paw opera house Sunday evening, March 27, Horace M. Olney of Hartford and Lincoln H. Titus of Paw Paw.

Friday evening, March 25, Acorn school house, W. A. Prater and V. R. Hungerford.

Sunday evening, March 27, Bloomingdale, Rev. C. L. Owen and Eugene Cooley.

Sunday evening March 27, Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman at Lawton.

Monday evening, March 28, Almena town hall, Earl Burhans and Chester A. Graine.

WILL TAKE SPECIAL WORK.

Dr. O. E. Lanphear expects to leave for Chicago the first of next week to take work in the private practice of Dr. C. M. Paden, anesthetizing specialist of that city. Dr. Paden is the special anesthetist for both Park Avenue hospital and the Chicago Clinical hospital. Dr. Lanphear expects to be away about three weeks.

HIS 71st BIRTHDAY.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rowland went to Lansing on Wednesday to spend his 71st birthday with their son M. O. Rowland and family. They expect to return home next Monday.