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COUNTY SYSTEM BURIED MONDAY

Progressive Road Measure Defeated by Nearly Two to One.

CARRIED IN FOUR PRECINCTS

South Haven Township and City endorse measure. Every Other Precinct Votes Against it.

The county system of building good roads in Van Buren county, was overwhelmingly defeated in the election last Monday, by a vote of nearly two to one. It carried in only four precincts in the county, South Haven township, and the three wards of South Haven city. Few people thought the question would carry this time, but no one had any idea that the vote would be so strong against it. Even in Paw Paw where it was thought it would surely carry, it was lost by 14 votes. While the defeat was a stinging one, it has been a campaign of education and the next time it comes up, and we predict it will again be an issue in the county, the result may be different.

Following is the vote in detail on the question in every precinct in the county.

Precinct	Yes	No
Almena	4	137
Antwerp	185	222
Arlington	61	173
Bangor	182	224
Bloomington	85	254
Columbia	45	190
Covert	68	141
Decatur	125	327
Geneva	90	132
Hamilton	17	134
Hartford	126	358
Keeler	35	182
Lawrence	70	206
Paw Paw	193	237
Pine Grove	36	165
Porter	58	74
South Haven twp.	72	63
Waverly	48	168
So. Haven city 1st ward	137	61
So. Haven city 2nd ward	180	116
So. Haven city 3rd ward	84	65

Totals.....1906 3670
Majority against county system 1704.

MANY PICKEREL ILLEGALLY TAKEN

Provisions of Fish Laws Overlooked by Local Sportsmen.

Many people have been attracted to the stream which runs from the Free & Mutchler mill to Maple lake during the past week to watch the pickerel which are going up stream to spawn. The creek has been literally alive with pickerel, some of them of monstrous size.

Some of the residents forgot that it was unlawful to spear them except through the ice and many pounds were taken in that manner. Game Warden Chas. H. Welcher of Decatur was in town to look after the matter and up to this time eight have paid fines and costs amounting to \$8.45 each, and the game warden states that there are yet others to be brought into camp. It is rather an unfortunate occurrence as it is probable that no one even stopped to think whether or not such fishing was in violation of the fish and game laws. Everyone has fair warning, however, and it is probable that the law will be obeyed to the letter in the future.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB HAS FINE MEETING

The meeting of the Fellowship club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Downing last Wednesday evening, was one of the best of the year. Space will not permit a complete account of this splendid evening. The music was furnished by the High School orchestra, Miss Russ, Miss Van Buskirk and Leland Gorton. A Lynn Free gave a delightful descriptive talk on his recent trip to California. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sellick, Wednesday evening, April 17.

GOING TO LAWRENCE.

Alva Flagler has rented the Simmons farm one and one-half miles west of Lawrence and will move his family to that place next week. The True Northerner joins Alva's host of Paw Paw friends in wishing him happiness and prosperity in his new home.

FOUR COUNTIES GO BACK TO THE WETS

Saloon Forces Gain Slight Advantage in Recent Election. Ingham County is Wet Again.

The election on the local option question in 25 counties in Michigan Monday, gave 14 to the anti-saloon forces and 11 to the wets. Six counties, Ingham, Lapeer, Arenac, Ogemaw, Otsego and Presque Isle, went back to the license column, and Westford and Mecosta outlawed the saloons after being wet since the previous election.

Cadillac is the capital of Westford county. State Labor Commissioner Perry F. Powers lives there. He has waged a bitter fight on the saloons with a telling effect. He was active in the prosecution of alleged illegal voters Monday.

The election means that 35 counties in Michigan are dry now and 48 wet, compared with 39 dry and 44 wet in 1911 and 40 dry and 43 wet in 1910.

STILL WAY TO GET ENROLLED

Voters Can Qualify for Primary by Affidavit Any Time Before June 26.

The enrollment board was kept pretty busy last Monday, and it is quite possible that nearly every voter in the township is now enrolled. If there are any however, that have neglected to enroll, there is a way provided by which they may yet enroll and participate in the August primaries. The following from Secretary of State Martindale, will explain this provision, but it must be born in mind that this must be attended to prior to June 26. After that date it will be impossible to become enrolled and participate in this primary.

"No elector shall be deemed a qualified enrolled elector who has not enrolled since August 1, 1911," says Secretary Martindale in a formal statement. "In many cases it will not be convenient for an elector to appear before the board in person on April 1 and the law provides that an elector may enroll at any time by delivering, in person or by mail, to the city or township clerk, or the officer in charge of the enrollment book, a written request for such enrollment, accompanied by affidavit setting forth that he is a qualified elector and that it is his bona fide intention to affiliate with the political party with which he seeks to enroll.

"If a voter enrolls by affidavit on or before June 26 he will have the right to vote at the August primary. A voter who has not enrolled will not be permitted to vote at a primary election."

BACHELORS HOSTS AT CLUB MEETING

The last social session of the year with the Maple City club was held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening. The bachelors of the club were the hosts, and gained much fame and favor by the clever manner in which they entertained the large assembly gathered to enjoy the event.

The social season in the club this year has been the best by far since the organization of the club. Every social evening has been one long to be remembered by the members and guests and it was with a feeling of regret to know that Tuesday evening was the last of the year.

WILL MAKE HOME IN THE WEST

Peter Mackellar leaves next Monday for Portland, Oregon, where he expects to make his future home. He has disposed of his residence property here, and will engage in the Steam Dyeing and Pressing business in the western city. "Pete" has resided in Paw Paw all of his life, and leaves a large host of friends in the home town, who join in best wishes for his welfare and prosperity in whatever field he may roam. His son Horace is already located in Portland.

WELL DESERVED PROMOTION.

The Pasadena, California, Star under date of March 25, has something to say of Louis N. O'Dell, a former resident of Paw Paw. This gentleman has been on the police force of Pasadena for the past seven years and by constant vigilance and faithfulness has earned the promotion to captain. The Star speaks of the advancement as the reward of real merit. Mr. O'Dell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney O'Dell of this place.

Gentle Reminder of the Days That are Gone Beyond Recall

On the editor's desk lies a book. It is small and soiled and yellow; its outward appearance suggests nothing. On closer examination it attracts our interest and upon looking through its pages, yellow with age, we find a gentle reminder of 'Auld Lang Syne. This book is the subscription book of The True Northerner of 1861. It was brought to this office by M. D. Buskirk and has been preserved as a relic.

The names of the fathers of some of our older citizens and the grandfathers of the youngsters are here inscribed and a few are still living in this vicinity. Among the names that came to our notice on the Paw Paw list are: M. P. Allen, F. W. Sellick, O. H. P. Sheldon George VanNess, Rev. J. H. Darling, James Baie, W. W. Vardavie, Wm. H. Thayer and Jacob Carr.

It brings to mind the inconveniences and difficulties under which the owner of this paper must have labored in those days of crude machinery and man power. The papers were printed on an old Washington hand press, that by close attention to business and no hot boxes would deliver 200 an hour by a frequent relay of husky young chaps to supply the motor power. The ink was also put on the forms by rollers in the hands of a man standing near by for that purpose. Auction bills, letter heads and visiting cards, all done on the same press, and in the same laborious fashion.

MASONS SUPRISED A LODGE BROTHER

Last Thursday evening Uncle Reid Sirrine, while peacefully dreaming the happy hours away, was quietly but rapidly ejected from his downy couch. Garbed in his slumber robe he appeared before a company of his brother Masons, who sentenced him to remain up and assist in disposing of a quantity of oysters and other edibles. It was no birthday or anniversary, just a neighborly call from his lodge brothers to remind him that he is near and dear to them and that they wish him many more years of happiness and activity in Masonic circles.

FATHER TO BE THE BEST MAN

The Kalamazoo Gazette announces the coming marriage of Miss Helen York of Battle Creek to Whitney Payne of Chicago. The event will be celebrated the evening of April 23, in the Congregational church of Battle Creek. The groom to be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne of Paw Paw, and the Gazette states the father will attend the groom in the capacity of best man.

What is the Matter With the Michigan Fruit Situation?

BY W. T. DAVIS, PAW PAW.

Ignorance and jealousy. Yes, that's the answer, or, at least, one answer. In these enlightened days the large and successful grower of fruit is well posted, not only on how to grow his fruit, to cultivate and spray it, how to pick, pack and grade his product, but how to find his customers.

But, unfortunately for Michigan, only a very small portion of her immense crop is grown by the large and successful grower. So much fruit is grown as a side issue by people who depend upon some other branch of agriculture for a living, that the money from the fruit crop is so much extra in a good year and to be sold to get all possible money out of present crop, regardless of future sales. Under these conditions the fruit is neglected in the orchard. Cultivation, if any, is indifferently done; pruning and spraying are neglected. A crop happens along, the picking, grading and packing is done in the same efficient manner that is given to the corn crop—the nubbins, smut ears, soft corn and the matured, all go into the same receptacle.

The small fruit grower, the man who grows it as a side issue, is the one who has the least to lose. He is responsible for the present bad conditions. The heavy grower, the specialist in any line of fruit production, is the man who works for a reputation for next year's crop, as well as this, and gets good money for his crop. He guarantees grading and quality fruit. He supplies an article which sells the second and third supply quickly. He does not sacrifice the future for some little present advantage. His fruits are No. 1's only. He puts his name on his package. He stands by the product which he has been to so much care and expense to grow. He is a good advertiser of Michigan and her products.

The papers were folded by hand, directed with pencil and mailed to the subscribers faithfully each week.

The following story is told by an early day printer of this place: "A lanky boy with many freckles and a decided bump of curiosity, was an almost daily visitor in a certain office, never failing to appear on press day. The inking of the press was a marvel to him and he struck the proprietor of the place for a job. On being asked what he thought he could do around a printing office he replied: 'I think I could daub on the tar.'" He secured the job and proved to be an artist in his line.

The True Northerner now has a Babcock cylinder press that prints 1500 papers an hour, a folding machine which cuts and folds the papers, a mailing machine which prints the names on them and everything to simplify the work that is available for a small plant.

The Northerner is 58 years to the good. The way of life is this: In years to come possibly the subscription list of today will be unearthed and the names of our bustling young city will be read with a feeling of sadness. The commodities of today will be replaced by more modern equipment and the papers hustled to its readers in one half the time that it takes to reach them now. Progression is the natural law, and has no place for sentiment.

PAW PAW WELCOMES ESTIMABLE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cadman of Chicago, who recently purchased the G. E. Chappell farm, have arrived and now call Paw Paw their home. They have rented the Shepard place across the road and will occupy the residence until new buildings can be erected on their own property. Mrs. Cadman's father, Louis Kaiser, and brother, G. A. Kaiser accompanied the family here and will make their home with the Cadmans. As stated in a recent issue of The True Northerner, Louis Kaiser served as consul to Mexico for a period of 13 years, and retired from the federal service two years ago to make a tour of Europe. These families are cultured people of refinement, pleasant and courteous to meet and are welcomed as permanent residents of Paw Paw. May many more like them decide to come and enjoy life in one of the best spots on earth, Paw Paw.

HART MADISON.

It is rumored that Hart Madison, formerly of Decatur and well known here, died in Chicago last week. The True Northerner has been unable to get details or verify the rumor.

LIGHT VOTE POLLED IN PAW PAW MONDAY

Only One Ticket in Field. Supervisor Leads List with Total of 346. Others Close Second.

The stormy weather of Monday last, together with the fact that there was but one ticket in the field, made rather a light vote in the township of Paw Paw. Following is the ticket elected and the vote received by each:

Supervisor, M. H. Young, 346; clerk, Frank V. Hodges, 345; treasurer, Roy L. Tuttle, 342; highway commissioner, John Ryder, 342; overseer of highways, John Minnich, 342; justice of peace, Wm. Killefer, 340; member board of review, Milton H. Pugsley, 338; constables, Henry W. McCabe, 337, Henry W. Filley, 340, Charles C. Chappell, 343, Charles D. Leach, 341.

The vote on the county road proposition will be found in another column in this issue.

NEW FACES ON THE NEW BOARD

Result of Vote a Surprise in Several Townships. Close Contests.

Several familiar faces on the board of supervisors will be absent when they meet again, while several new ones will be in evidence. The political complexion of the board will be 14 republican and seven democratic.

The democrats gained one in Arlington while the republicans gained in South Haven city first ward, Decatur and Waverly. Several close contests marked the election, and the winners in some precincts had only a few votes to the good. In Covert, for instance, Shepard Shattuck lost by the close margin of three votes. George Hale, the winner, however, is a republican but was elected on an independent ticket. In Waverly, John Gault defeated E. A. Chase by a margin of five votes, while Emory Squier of Decatur went down to defeat by a margin of ten votes.

Following is how they will line up:

Almena	Walter A. Brown	Dem.
Antwerp	Sheldon Coleman	Rep.
Arlington	Sam E. Monroe	Dem.
Bangor	Frank Burger	Dem.
Bloomington	R. E. Vickers	Dem.
Columbia	Andrew Gaynor	Dem.
Covert	George Hale	Rep.
Decatur	Adelbert Vaught	Rep.
Geneva	G. S. Tolles	Rep.
Hamilton	Waldo Phillips	Dem.
Hartford	C. E. Anderson	Rep.
Keeler	George Henney	Dem.
Lawrence	A. C. Benedict	Dem.
Paw Paw	M. H. Young	Rep.
Pine Grove	Chas. Giddings	Rep.
Porter	E. E. Waldron	Rep.
South Haven	A. D. Robinson	Rep.
Waverly	John Gault	Rep.
South Haven city:		
1st ward	W. H. Payne	Rep.
2d "	Henry Zeedyk	Rep.
3d "	James Martin	Rep.

CHAUTAUQUA STAR HAS PASSED AWAY

Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee, who will be remembered as one of the headlines on the Chautauqua program two years ago, is dead. His death occurred last Sunday in Washington, following an operation for gall stones.

Senator Taylor was known the world over as "Fiddling Bob" and was a national character. This title was given him on account of his having used his violin to assist in getting crowds to hear his campaign speeches during his first campaign for the U. S. senate.

QUICK REPORTS FROM OCEANA

Oceana county was one of the number in which a "dry" victory was won last Monday. A telegram from Attorney Earl Pugsley of Hart, that county, was received by his father, Milton H. Pugsley at 9 p. m. Monday evening, stating the county went "dry" by 600 majority.

Rather quick returns, especially when the message had to be transferred by telephone from Hartford. Earl was one of the loyal workers of that county who helped to win the victory.

LOSS PAID PROMPTLY.

The Northwestern National Insurance company paid H. C. Waters for his loss on household goods last Friday. This was within 24 hours after the fire. Such promptness speaks well for the company, as well as for the local agent, H. L. McNeil.

REPUBLICANS TO CONVENE TODAY

In Convention at Hartford. Two Sets of Delegates to Be Named.

LAWTON GETS ONE CONVENTION

State Convention at Bay City Next Thursday. District Convention at Lawton April 16.

The republican county convention will be held at Hartford today. This convention will elect two sets of delegates. Eighteen to attend the state convention at Bay City on Thursday, April 11, and eighteen to attend a District convention to be held in Lawton this county on Tuesday, April 16.

One hundred and eighty-two delegates are entitled to seats in the Hartford convention today. The convention will be called to order by Fred C. Cogshall, chairman of the republican county convention, and Senator Milan D. Wiggins will be called to the chair as temporary chairman.

The state convention at Bay City will elect six delegates at large to the National convention at Chicago, and the District convention at Lawton will elect two delegates and two alternates from the Fourth Congressional district to the same convention. Following the system of rotation of delegates that has been in vogue in the past, the counties of Allegan and Berrien will be entitled to the delegates this year, and Van Buren and Cass the alternates. It is probable that this custom will prevail as in the past.

The district convention will be made up of 108 delegates, and counties of the district are entitled to representation as follows:—Allegan 22; Barry 13; Berrien 29; Cass 12; St. Joseph 14; Van Buren 18.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE HERE

Big Event at Paw Paw Next Week. Strong Speakers Coming.

The churches of Paw Paw and vicinity have planned a Sunday school institute to be held in the Presbyterian church, Paw Paw, Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12. The first session will open on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. and close with an evening session on Friday.

Mr. E. K. Mohr, superintendent of the Purity Department and secretary of the Executive committee of the state Sunday school association, will be present at two sessions and Rev. A. Martin of Kalamazoo, a strong institute worker, will give the closing address on Friday night. Rev. A. F. Nagler of South Haven and Rev. J. W. Pincomb of Lawton are also on the program. Mrs. Allen of Hartford, a county worker, and other aides of experience will give papers on live questions in Sunday school work. Rev. D. C. Henshaw of Hartford calls for a meeting of the county executive committee on Friday at 1:30 p. m., to meet at the same place as the institute.

The invitation is general to the churches of the county to send delegates to be present at every session of the institute. Please send delegates' names in advance to Arba Hawley, Paw Paw, that the entertainment committee may have opportunity to make complete arrangements.

DID IT EVER HAPPEN TO YOU

Did you ever go home tired after a hard day's work to a dark, dismal looking house, knowing that your family were all away and feeling awfully lonesome? And did you ever unlock the door and feel your way to the hatrack hang up your garments and all of a sudden have the electric lights turned on by an unseen hand and reveal a crowd of lodge members or other intruders? This is what happened to Wm. Rickerson last Monday evening, as 25 of his brother OJd Fellows took possession of his home under these circumstances and Mr. Rickerson was an unsuspecting victim.

This gentleman has been a member of this order for 33 years and is a valued member of Paw Paw lodge No. 18. A beautiful ring was left as a remembrance of the occasion. The evening was spent with cards and conversation and a luncheon was served by Mrs. Rickerson and Miss Floyd.