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WHOLE NO. 337.

Additional Local.

Garden and flower seeds at Mahan's. Persons desiring the services of a lion tamer, apply at the Record office.

A pantomime entertainment will be given at the Sanitarium tomorrow evening.

Mel. Medler of Sumner attended the meeting of the K. of P. Wednesday evening.

The congressional convention for the eleventh congressional district will be held in Mt. Pleasant, May 6.

One of the college students is so fond of beefsteak and pan-cakes and maple syrup that he doesn't wait to be asked to partake of them.

The state republican convention will meet in Detroit, Thursday, May 7, at 12 o'clock noon. Gratiot county is entitled to eleven delegates.

John Wetherby was making a wedge, with a very sharp ax, Tuesday, when the ax slipped, cutting his left hand in a terrible manner. He will be laid up for some time.

Having leased the Wright House barber shop and bath rooms I solicit your patronage. Everything will be clean and neat and all will receive courteous treatment.

WILL DAVIS.

Miss Charlotte W. Stoutenburg of Rochester, N. Y., and Charles H. Hood of Marlett, Mich., were married Monday evening in Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Hallack officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Hood arrived in Alma Wednesday evening and are guests of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. Stoutenburg.

Eight of our well known business men have organized a pedro club. Each member contributes one shilling, for each game, and the winner is to take the money, exchange it for a gold dollar, and present the coin to his wife. Two hotly contested games have been played, both of which have been won by Simon Messinger.

Frank Beckwith, living two miles south of Alma, has a wife who is in every way a true "help meet." Mr. Beckwith has been sick for about six weeks, and during this time Mrs. Beckwith has not only attended to all her household duties and done the "chores," but she has taken care of a herd of sixteen cattle, which are being fattened for market. That she has faithfully discharged this duty is evident from the fact that from Jan. 26 to March 1 the cattle have gained 850 pounds in weight.

The Saloon Question

In view of the well known and generally acknowledged evil influence of the saloons in our village and their continual disregard and violation of the laws made and provided for their control, it is desired to ascertain the sentiment of our citizens in regard to them, to the end that the members of our Common Council may know the mind of their constituents when the question of the continuance or suppression of the saloons shall come before them.

Section 1, chapter 7 of Public Acts of 1895 grants to common councils the power to suppress saloons for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

If you are in favor of the open saloon, please put an X in the square after the words, *for the saloon.*

If you are in favor of closing the saloons, please put an X in the square after the words, *against the saloon.*

Marcus Has a Hand in It

Negotiations have been commenced in Cleveland, Ohio, for the purchase of the Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee railroad by a party of capitalists represented by Marcus Pollasky of Chicago. The purpose is to build a line from Columbus to Bay City, Mich., via Adrian, with a branch to Detroit, and if the negotiations are successful, work will begin in the spring. The Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee was abandoned after forty-two miles of roadway had been graded from Lima to Defiance. The proposed road will be used to haul coal from the Ohio and West Virginia fields to Michigan, and it will give the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio routes into Detroit. Eventually a branch may be run to Sangatauck on Lake Michigan from which port Milwaukee will be reached by steamer.

A Wise Precaution.

As a precautionary measure against scarlet fever, the public schools of the village have been closed for one week. But one well defined case of the disease had been reported, but inasmuch as the person who was sick had been in school only a day or two before the disease manifested itself, and a number of children had been exposed, it was thought by the board best to close the schools.

For Sale.

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887-4w JOHN W. MORTON.

HAS BEEN A WHALER.

Two Voyages Made by B. B. Ellison. Two miles west of Alma there is living in the retirement of a "serene old age," one who has had a varied experience in scenes not rural and far remote from Alma—Mr. B. B. Ellison.

In the fall of the year, two years before Victoria was crowned Queen of England, B. B. Ellison, then in the strength of young manhood, sighed for a home on the bounding wave, and left New York on a two years' whaling voyage. The ship sailed first for the Azores and Cape de Verd, after a supply of vegetables, and then for eight months cruised upon the ocean between South America and Africa, for whales, a good many of which were sighted. At the end of eight months they sailed for Cape Town for supplies, "doubled" the Cape and went down into the Indian Ocean, and cruised about for several months, before proceeding to Madagascar, where they stopped for supplies, and then cruised in the Atlantic for whales five months before returning to New York.

Mr. Ellison started on his second voyage in October of the year when England's queen was crowned, and went to New Zealand, and after spending several months in the vicinity of Australia, went to the waters in the immediate vicinity of the Society Islands, where whales were said to be very numerous. The ship took on new recruits as well as supplies there, and then sailed away to the Sandwich Islands. After spending some time off the shores of Honolulu, and taking in the sights and delights of that place, the "whaler" went to Japan, and was there eight months before returning to the Sandwich Islands. A few months later, the ship went to the equator, where it remained till the following June, when it sailed for Japan again, where it remained for six months, till the dreaded "monsoon" set in; thence to the Sandwich Islands, for a few months, then back to Japan, in the vicinity of which they spend three seasons, finally returning to New York, with between 3,000 and 4,000 barrels of oil on board.

Mr. Ellison came to Jackson in 1855 for the purpose of finding his brother, the father of "Whit" Ellison. His brother persuaded him to buy a farm in Jackson county, which he did, and remained there until 1863, when he came to this county and bought the farm on which he now resides, two miles west of Alma.

Mr. Ellison is never so happy as when talking to an attentive group of listeners recounting some of his marvelous exploits and hair breadth escapes. He loved the sea, but when asked why he sought a home so far inland, away from the sound of the waves, he promptly answered: "Wanted to get away from the ocean."

A Pleasant Anniversary

The second annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Alma was held Wednesday afternoon in the pleasant home of Mrs. W. C. Clark. The reports of the officers and committees, showing the work of the Union for the past year, were submitted after which officers were chosen for the ensuing year, as follows: President—Mrs. A. F. Bruske. Vice President—Mrs. J. W. Holmes. Cor. Sec'y.—Mrs. W. F. Jones. Vice President in M. E. church—Mrs. Henry E. Myers. Vice President in Baptist church—Mrs. L. A. Sharp. Vice President in Presbyterian church—Mrs. J. A. Baker.

The other officers will be chosen at the next regular meeting of the Union. After several selections had been rendered by the College Mandolin club, the members of the Union and invited guests were invited into the dining room, where tables were spread with snowy linen and bright with carnations and green vines. An appetizing supper was served, after which toasts were in order. Mrs. Bruske presided with charming grace as toast mistress. She told of the work of the Union in Alma, and then called on Mrs. Kendall Brooks to respond to the toast, Industry as the hand-maid of temperance. Mrs. Brooks, who has been closely identified with the Industrial school, spoke of this part of the work done by the Union and its relation to happy, temperance homes. L. A. Sharp spoke on the outlook of the temperance question. The new woman was the toast assigned to Mrs. J. W. McAllister, to which she very wittily responded. Public sentiment: How made and by whom? was cleverly responded to by President Bruske, as was the one, Total abstinence, by Dr. E. S. Pettyjohn. The motto of the Union, For God, and home, and every land, was the toast to which Mrs. Pettyjohn made response. Timely and suggestive remarks were made by Dr. Brooks and Revs. Jones and McAllister, and a rich intellectual feast was ended.

The Union begins its third year's work under most favorable auspices, and is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned its labors since its organization.

FOR VILLAGE OFFICERS.

The Caucus Nominates Some Good Men.

The caucus of the republicans of Alma, in Firemen's hall, last Friday evening, was harmonious in the extreme. C. F. Brown was chosen chairman; J. D. Spinney secretary, and Dr. Kelly and Seth Tubbs, tellers. After these gentlemen had taken the oath, an informal ballot for president of the village was taken, resulting in the choice of T. A. Ely, and he was declared the unanimous choice of the caucus; J. W. Holmes, Seth Tubbs and J. W. Glass, the present village treasurer, clerk and trustee, respectively, were renominated by acclamation. The other nominees for trustees for two years, are S. W. Tinker and Edward Hannah; for assessor, V. M. Wilson was nominated. The present village committee was, by acclamation, named for another year. After a few remarks by President Ely, the caucus adjourned.

The Euterpe Club

The Euterpe Club met with Miss Messinger Tuesday evening. E. C. Marsh conducted the study of the Symphony, and Prof. J. T. Ewing that of the Oratorio. Sonata op. 20, (Foot) violin and piano, was played by Mr. Marsh and Miss Whiting. Mrs. L. A. Sharp sang the solo, "So shall the late awake," from the oratorio of Judas, (Handel), and the chorus, "The heavens are telling," was sung by the club. The next meeting of the club will be held with Prof. J. T. Ewing, Tuesday evening, March 17.

Alma Teacher's Go Visiting.

Taking advantage of the vacation forced upon them, Alma school teachers have spent the week very profitably visiting the schools in other places. Prof. Ely went to Chicago last Saturday, and has been there all the week; Miss Whalen has been in Ann Arbor; Miss Burns went to Stanton Saturday, where she spent Sunday, and Monday went to Grand Rapids, and has been studying methods in the schools of that city; W. E. Culver has been in Saginaw and Bay City, as have Misses Hubbell, Chase Dunlap, Struble, Otis and Mitchell.

College Notes.

President Bruske preached in Petoskey last Sunday.

An exciting game of indoor base ball was played in the "gym" Saturday afternoon, and at its close the score stood: Dirty Stockings, 10; Black Legs, 5.

The *munich* given in the chapel last Friday by the pupils of the Music department was very much enjoyed by the audience, and the numbers on the program rendered very creditably.

For want of time the reports of officers and committees of the Y. M. C. A. could not be heard at the annual business meeting, held last week, and an adjourned meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25, at which time these reports will be submitted.

On the platform in the chapel, Monday evening, was a pretty representation of the Court of Athena on Mt. Olympus, over which presided Miss Winifred Heston, who received the ambassadors from other nations, represented as follows: Egypt, Mertha Peters; Germany, Anna Girmus; England, Francis Adams; Italy, Clarissa Booth; Russia, Hattie Hunt; France, Maude Bishop; United States, Gratia Dunning; Spain, Elizabeth Jones. The exercises opened with a piano solo by Miss Maxwell and closed with a vocal solo by Mr. Mills.

In the evening of Washington's birthday, the young ladies at the Hall sprang a neat surprise on the young men who board there. Last Saturday evening, after supper, the tables were turned, and when the announcement was made that the young ladies were to respond to toasts, for the edification of the gentlemen, then was not a little consternation. The ladies were equal to it, however, and the following toasts were very cleverly given: Woman on the platform, Miss Jones; woman in politics, Miss Heston; woman as a logician, Miss Booth; woman in the home, Miss Girmus; woman in the church, Miss Plum; co-education, Miss Francis Adams; woman as a lover, Miss Dunning; woman and St. Paul, Miss Wheelie Plum; woman in school, Miss Ellsworth; leap-year opportunities, Miss Kellogg; woman in the "ring," Miss Pinney; woman on the "turf," Miss Hitchings; woman of the future, Miss Bishop. The impromptu entertainment closed with a very witty speech by Miss Gelston.

All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since. For sale by C. E. Mahan, druggist.

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FORESTERS.

To the Alma Foresters:—The session of the State High Court held in Representative Hall, Lansing, on the 25th and 26th of February was attended by over 200 representatives, requiring more than the desk capacity of the Hall to seat them. The business of the session was dispatched with perfect harmony and satisfaction, and from the strict medical examination necessary for membership, it was a rare sight to see so many robust and sound men in one body. As a sequence the sound mind generally accompanying a sound body.

The sessions were notable for the absence of crankism and other hair-splitting efforts that generally characterize public and private assemblies. On the evening of the 25th we had an excellent entertainment in honor of the High Court, at which speeches were made by Jas. A. Urquhart, Chairman; Maj. J. M. Turner, address of welcome; H. C. R., Lee E. Joslyn, Response; Gov. John T. Rich, Michigan; Hon. D. D. Atkin, Secret Societies; Industrial School, musical selections; Supreme Treas., H. Collins, Toronto.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Lee E. Joslyn, H. C. R.; John Chamber, H. S.; O. E. Tagart, H. T.; Ambrose A. Weeks, State Inspector. Respectfully Yours, A. R. DINGMAN.

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