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LOCAL NEWS

"David Copperfield" at opera house tonight.

A large amount of pork has been brought in this week.

Fifteen new pupils Monday and Tuesday at the University.

W. L. Payne returned Monday from a visit with friends at Pontiac.

The week of prayer is being observed by the M. E. and Baptist churches.

The night school at the University is increasing in membership rapidly.

Mrs. Stewart Beebe was called to Fenton Tuesday by the sickness of her mother.

W. S. Hunt, who is to occupy the store vacated by H. W. Parker, is in the city.

THE TIMES has "la grippe" on circulation, as it is growing steadily every day.

Edward P. Gregory and son, of Howell, were guests of J. W. Turner over Sunday.

The stores close at 7:30 standard time each evening—half an hour earlier than usual.

L. A. Hamblan was summoned to Grand Rapids Wednesday to attend the funeral of a cousin.

Jan. 21st is the date for Hon. B. K. Bruce. Mark this date down and make no other engagement.

P. M. Roth and James McKeand, merchant tailors, close their stores at 6 o'clock standard time each evening.

What does it mean? Stanley Parkill has purchased a lot of J. H. Champion corner of Washington and Williams streets.

Rev. Geo. D. Wright, late of St. John's church Saginaw, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Morgan Park church near Chicago.

Among the postmasters appointed on Monday was Worden R. Chapell, of Cornuna to succeed L. R. Wilcox. We heartily congratulate Mr. C. on his good luck.

Attention is called to the card of Geo. Fulmer in this issue. He has had twenty years' experience in his line of work and a full line of tools for moving buildings.

J. I. Vanderhoof, of Chapin, who contracted with the P. of L. a few weeks ago, has failed. After shipping a quantity of pork for several farmers around Chapin he left for parts unknown.

Gilbert Lyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eddy, died at the family home just east of the city on Monday, of croup, aged seven years. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the home of G. R. Lyon, Rev. Little officiating.

J. W. Zimmerman has been chosen as collector and C. E. Shattuck treasurer of the Congregational society for the year. Mrs. N. A. Finch as deaconess of the church and Jno. Brooks as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

John and Clara Cornwall, of Flint, who have recently returned from England, will soon give a concert in this city. Both are musicians of the highest order. It will be a rare treat for Owosso to secure them. Date and particulars announced later.

With its last issue the Frankfort Express entered upon the 20th year of its existence. Under its present ownership the Express has improved wonderfully and is now a credit to the town—which by the way is quite likely to enjoy a boom as the result of the extension of the T. & A. A.

The firm of Salisbury Bros. has dissolved partnership, David retiring. He will go to Lansing to open a boot and shoe store. Mr. Salisbury is a pusher in his business and we certainly hope may be successful in his new venture. John Salisbury will continue business at the old stand and will be pleased to have everyone call in and look over his goods.

Assistant engineer G. S. Williams, having resigned his connection with the water works, left for his home in Saginaw on Tuesday morning. That he is an expert in his profession no one can doubt, as his work here shows that. He is a man who works for the interest of his employer, and wants men under him to do the same thing. We regard it as extremely fortunate for the city that Mr. Williams was secured to take charge of the engineering at the time he was, for by it the city has saved hundreds of dollars, and his work will be more fully appreciated in the future than it is at this time. He goes to Detroit to-day to accept a fine position with a large concern there.

Hear Powers tonight. Second entertainment in the lecture course.
The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nichols died Thursday.

A. M. Armstrong has opened a store for the sale of flour, feed, hay and straw next door to Hartshorn & Son, Main street.

A White Cross Club will be organized at the Asbury Chapel Friday evening. All wearers of the White Cross are invited to join.

We learn that ex-Sheriff, David Parker, died very suddenly this a. m. of heart failure at his home in this city. He had long been a prominent citizen of the City and county.

Don't forget to send your children to the juvenile drawing and writing classes every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tuition 10 cents a lesson.

Sunday evening in the Congregational church S. E. Parker will continue his talk on his foreign trip. Seats free and all cordially invited to attend.

The officers elected on Wednesday evening for Owosso Council R. T. of T. are: Sen. Coun.—Mrs. E. B. Dewey; Vice Coun.—Mrs. S. B. Ewer; Rec. and Fin. Sec. E. L. Brewer; Treas.—Mrs. S. A. Wiley; Chaplain—Mrs. A. N. Parker; herald—Dr. C. A. Osborn; guard—Mrs. C. M. Lewis; sentinel—Alex. Johnson; Post Coun.—Mrs. P. A. Brewer; Rep. to S. Council—Mrs. P. A. Brewer; trustee—Geo. M. Dewey.

We are pleased to note the continued prosperity of the Waupaca, Wis., Republican, under the management of W. H. Holmes, a former Michigan publisher. His readers get a good paper every week, and in return are giving it hearty support. May its prosperity continue to increase.

List of advertised letters at the Owosso Post-office for the week ending January 5: Mrs. P. J. Coomes, Mr. P. Onell, Lena Stillson, Edward S. Potter, J. M. Sweet, C. A. Craft, D. C. Haist, Frank Pukering, Mrs. Frank Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wyoff, Betsey Sprout, Minnie Rose, C. W. Hunt, Stephen Hale, A. C. Horsey (2), Charles Irish, Lizzie Kimball, Foreign, Mary Valson, Herman Jahnke, Carrie Kramp.

West Side.

La Grippe has taken hold of the West Siders with a vengeance. Several cases have been considered by the physicians as quite serious.

Alderman Robbins has been on the sick list for a few days but is now able to attend to business.

Chas. Preece has been laid up for two weeks but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Randall, of Bennington, Mich., has been spending a week or two with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Converse.

The handle factory was obliged to shut down, in consequence of a lack of lumber.

Perhaps the most enjoyable affair of the season was a progressive party at the residence of Alderman Robbins on Tuesday evening. The fortunate participants numbering about a score seemed each and every one to thoroughly enjoy every movement of the exciting game. It was not till the wee sma' hours that the party broke up and every body went home professing themselves more than delighted with the evening's enjoyment.

Annual Meeting of Shiawassee Savings and Loan Association.

Pursuant to the constitution the regular annual meeting of the Shiawassee Savings and Loan Association was held at the office of Geo. Colt, on Monday evening for the election of directors. The report of the secretary showed the value of the stock in each series to be as follows: 1st, \$18.91; 2d, double, \$37.82; 3d, \$18.15; 4th, double, \$36.30; 5th, \$15.34; 6th, \$13.36; 7th, \$10.80; 8th, \$8.40; 9th, \$6.21; 10th, \$4.09; 11th, \$2.04.

The election by ballot for directors resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen for three years: C. J. Stuart, C. E. Rigley, S. E. Parkill, Geo. H. Bedford, and E. M. Miller. For one year to fill vacancy caused by resignation of N. A. Finch, E. O. Dewey.

The board of directors organized by the election of the following officers: President—D. M. Estey; Vice Pres.—E. O. Dewey; Secretary—E. P. Gilbert; Treasurer—J. H. Callens; Attorney—W. M. Kilpatrick; Security Committee—H. Frieske, W. M. Kilpatrick, S. E. Parkill.

K. O. T. M.

What does it mean? It means that the Knights of the Macabees, as a fraternal insurance order.

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It leads them all.
Its social features are unexcelled and the cost per \$1,000 lower than the lowest, having cost only about four dollars per thousand for the year 1889. Thus placing a \$1,000 or \$2,000 policy in the K. O. T. M. in the reach of all.

The order at large is growing rapidly, particularly in Michigan, having reached a membership of over 13,000 in a few years. Owosso (Wilson) T. M. has nearly 100 members and is in a flourishing condition. On Friday afternoon, January 3, Great Commander, D. P. Markey, of West Branch, and Great Record Keeper, N. S. Boynton, of Port Huron, addressed the Macabees in their hall, in the 2d National Bank building and in the evening they addressed a large audience in the opera hall, upon the history and origin of the K. O. T. M., its social and insurance features, etc. At the close of the lecture, a reception was given the grand officers and visitors at the Wildermuth House, whose genial proprietor fully sustained his reputation in the excellent banquet spread for the occasion.
Past Commander, W. H. Bigelow, warmly welcomed the guests, after which the following sentiments were responded to—Sir Knight Commander W. E. Small officiating as toast master: "The Great Camp," Gt. Cem., D. P. Markey; "The Working Bees," Gt. R. K., N. S. Boynton; "Drones, their places," Mr. W. L. Wilson; "Wilson Tent," Mr. Frank Ewer; "Our husbands' excuses," Dr. B. S. Knapp; "The Macabees Billy Goat," L. Flickinger; "The Ladies," Hon. D. P. Markey. A (MACCA)B.

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House and rooms to let—Apply at house opposite Giles Decker's. River Street. J. J. Brockway.

O. B. M. A. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OWOSSO BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the President and Members of the Owosso Business Men's Association.

GENTLEMEN:—Our organization at this, our third anniversary, is constituted of 79 members—77 active and 2 honorary. The number of new members added since our last annual meeting is 17, and the number of withdrawals since that time by reason of business changes is 10. The number dropped for non-payment of dues is 3. Number dropped for non-payment of dues and name appearing on delinquent list is 1. Number of deaths, 1. (July 20.) Total number of decrease 15, which still brings our membership a gain of 2 for the year ending Dec. 31. The number of delinquents reported during the year is 217; 96 of them paid or made satisfactory arrangements and 131 went on the delinquent list. There was cash in the treasury, Jan. 1, 1889, \$65.47. Our receipts during the year for membership fees and dues were \$116.50. Total \$181.97.

The expenditures were as follows:
Jan. 5. Secretary's salary.....\$15.00
" 5. Times Printing Co. paper..... 2.25
Jan. 15. Paid to F. E. Kohler for hall rent for farmer's institute..... 20.00
Jan. 28. Paid for postal cards..... 5.00
Jan. 28. Paid out of treasury to make up deficiency at annual banquet..... 18.00
Paid J. H. Champion & Co. for printing 2 appendices to delinquent list..... 2.00
July 6. For Secretary's salary..... 15.00
Sept. 7. Postage stamps and receipt blanks..... 3.25
Oct. 2. For per capita dues to the State Association on 68 members and exchange..... 34.10
Nov. 2. Paid to Frank Roth for 6 months ringing closing bell..... 6.00
Paid for wood for heating hall..... 1.50
Total expenditures.....\$132.10
Leaving a balance in the treasury this Jan. 1 of \$49.87.

The number of meetings held during the year was 9, 8 being regular and one special meeting. Although the attendance at our meetings has not been as satisfactory as could be desired during the past year, yet the Association in general has worked with a will and energy for the improvement of our prosperous city and for the welfare of the inhabitants. Our business men do not seem to realize the importance of work to be accomplished. However there is not a single member in active business who would wish to drop out of our ranks, but they all cheerfully pay their dues and seem to be well pleased with the results accomplished, and as we now have a pleasanter and more cheerful hall to hold our meetings in, I trust the members will appreciate it, and manifest their appreciation by a prompt attendance at our regular meetings, which will have a tendency to inspire the officers with energy and the accomplishment of good and satisfactory results.

We have succeeded in laboring harmoniously with our city council and by it have accomplished extensive improvements. Our wagon roads have been materially improved, and our efforts to obtain additional railroad communication and concessions in freight rates have been satisfactorily rewarded. Our manufacturing have been generally enlarged and improved so as to employ more help and are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The blue letter and association sheet have not been used quite so extensively as the previous year, but those members who have made use of them report good and satisfactory results.

The credit business in our city is steadily decreasing the customers using more caution in asking it for fear of the delinquent list, and the merchant with the strong competition now in the field being compelled to sell goods at very close margins, has come to the conclusion that to be better able to meet said requirements he must sell goods for spot cash.

Our closing system has proved a success, the members cheerfully conforming to the rules adopted by the Association.

We are looking upon our citizens as an organization of power and strength. Now let us make our utmost endeavor not to betray their confidence; let us continue our labors with energy and exertion to advance the business interests of our city and continue to crown our efforts with prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted this Jan. 3, 1890.
S. LAMFROM, Sec'y.

Actual business day every Thursday at the University. Call during the morning session and learn how to get rich.

Did you hear that? "I mean business and have registered for a business education at the University."

The fine business block now occupied by A. Decker, on Washington street, for sale cheap. Must be sold at once. Good reasons for selling. Keeler & Keeler.

Who was your Great Grandfather?

The Detroit Journal desires to receive, by postal card, the addresses of living male and female descendants of Revolutionary officers and soldiers of 1776, and, when possible, the name and state of the ancestor. Wonder if W. H. Brearley, proprietor of the Detroit Journal, is contemplating a raid upon the national treasury?

Engineer's Report.

The following is the report of Assistant Engineer Williams on the construction of the water works presented to the Council Monday evening:

Owosso, Mich., Jan. 6, 1890.
To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Owosso:

Gentlemen: In closing our connection with the Owosso City Water Works, we beg leave to submit the following report:

When we took charge of the work here the contractors for pipe laying and pump house had so far progressed with their contract that the 12 in. main on the Cornuna road was laid, also the 8 in. on Howard, Shiawassee and Cass streets, and the 10 in. on east Main street, the last being the only pipe laid by Myers & Son on the north and east side of the river. The pipe on Elm street was in process of laying when we assumed control on the 23 day of September. The walls of the pump house were about finished and the base of the stack was begun.

The various branches of the work were being carried forward in the manner usually adopted by contractors in this part of the country, and the results attained were not far different from those to be anticipated by any contractor who was allowed to have things his own way, but they lacked a considerable of being such as were contemplated by the specifications. From the beginning we felt that we must get water into the line as soon as possible in order to insure satisfactory work, but it was not until the last of September that we succeeded in getting a pressure on the pipes. As a result the contractor was instructed to proceed to a fulfillment of the specifications by employing some caulkers. On receiving this notice, Mr. Myers sued the city for ten thousand dollar damages to his reputation as a contractor. Damages to a reputation that sends out its putrid aroma from Canada, Indiana and Michigan, reeking with the odors of swindled sub-contractors and unpaid labor bills. From the Canadian Sault, from Elkhart, Goshen and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and from Lansing, Jackson and Hillsdale, Michigan, we have testimony on the rotten record of this king of swindlers.

Up to the time of Myers & Son stopping work they had put into the ground, we will not say laid, 4,470 feet of 12 in. pipe, 917 feet of 10 in. pipe, 6,197 feet of 8 in. pipe, 3,717 feet of 6 in. pipe, 1913 feet of 4 in. or a total of 17,214 feet. Mr. Myers' contract called for the laying of 5,289 feet of 12 in. pipe, 2,694 feet of 10 in. pipe, 7,021 feet of 8 in. pipe, 12,434 feet of 6 in. pipe, 5,158 feet of 4 in. pipe; a total of 32,496 feet.

There remained therefore to be laid on Myers & Son's contract 819 feet of 12 in. pipe, 1,677 feet of 10 in. pipe, 834 feet of 8 in. pipe, 8,717 feet of 6 in. pipe, 3,245 feet of 4 in. pipe; a total of 15,282 feet.

The walls and roof of the pump house were completed, the wainscoting was on, the painting begun and the chimney done when Myers left the job.

On the 10th of October the city began laying pipe with a full force of men. Previous to this about 500 feet of trench had been opened. The repairing of the Myers line was commenced at the Main street river crossing on Oct. 15th, and from that time until Dec. 24th a force was kept almost continuously employed on the old line.

We will not attempt here to enumerate or furnish any of the "evidences" that were gathered proving the unworkmanlike manner in which the contractors had endeavored to fulfill their agreement. Suffice it to say that whenever the city employs an attorney to look after its interests in this matter this evidence will be at his disposal.

Since October 10th we have succeeded in repairing 14,785 feet of Myers & Son's work and have laid 35,744 feet of pipe as follows: 519 feet of 12 in., 1,677 feet of 10 in., 824 feet of 8 in., 16,514 feet of 6 in., and 15,910 feet of 4 in., of which 819 feet of 12 in., 1,677 feet of 10 in., 824 feet of 8 in., 8,717 feet of 6 in. and 3,245 feet of 4 in., or 15,282 feet were laid in completing the contract of W. H. Myers & Son, and the remainder, or 20,462 feet, on the so-called extension. The cost of the pipe laying done by the city has been, including trenching, laying, backfilling, cartage, delivery, superintendence, lead, yarn, fuel, tools and incidentals \$7521.13. Had this work been done by Myers & Son at the prices named in their contract it would have cost \$5,341.95; a difference of \$2,179.18 in favor of the latter. On the other hand had the contract been let to Harlowe & Co., of Pittsburg, at the prices named in their bid, it would have cost \$8,850.37, or \$1,329.24 more than it has, and we doubt if the work would have been any more satisfactorily done.

If the contract had been let to Mr. W. S. Parker, of Pontiac, at the prices named in his bid for the original plant, it would have cost \$6,821.06, or \$700.07 less than it has cost. It will be remembered by those present at the time that Mr. Parker, after the bids were opened, asked permission to increase his bid \$1,000.

So far as bills are in and returns are at hand, and we see no reason to believe that future developments will change the figures materially, the condition of the account with W. H. Myers & Son on pipe laying is as follows:

Laid to date:—
5,289 ft. 12 in. pipe @ 29c.....\$1,533.81
2,594 " 10 " " " 24c..... 622.56
4,792 " 8 " " " 19c..... 910.48
10,958 " 6 " " " 15c..... 1,623.70
4,865 " 4 " " " 13c..... 632.45
River crossings..... 285.00
Amount earned by contractors.....\$6,800.00
Less 15 per cent retained for 6 mo. 946.50

Amount contractors are entitled to.....\$4,661.50
Paid to Myers & Son for pipe laying.....\$ 850.00
Expended in repairing line and river crossings..... 2,627.70
Pipe laying on Myers contract to date..... 3,556.04
Total paid on pipe laying, account of Myers & Son.....\$7,033.74
Amount Overpaid on account of Myers & Son..... 2,372.24

The cost of putting in the extension has therefore been \$3,905.09.

The city has now laid and in use a total of 10 miles and 158 feet of water mains. There has been set for the city 30 fire hydrants, and two more have been set for private parties. On the system there are now set seventy-one gates.

All mains except those on Washington street from the river north are 23 feet from the property line. On Washington street north of the river they are 33 feet from the property line.

All mains running north and south are on the east side of the street, and all mains running east and west are on the north side except those on Main street, which are on the south side. All gates on mains are set at the intersection of the main and the property line of the cross street. All hydrants from the pump house to Howard street are gated, the gate being set five feet from the hydrant. All gates and hydrants on this system open by turning to the right.

We have to report the following charges against the furnishes of material:

Addyston Pipe & Steel Co.....\$200.35
Detroit Pipe & Foundry Co..... 50.58
Galvin Valve & Hydrant Co..... 36.30
Bourbon Copper & Brass Works..... 9.00
Total.....\$296.23
And the following charges for special lines:
Estey Manufacturing Co.....\$148.05
Dewey & Stewart..... 118.23
L. E. Woodard..... 96.69
Total.....\$362.97

making an entire amount to be credited to water works fund, \$678.10.

For the pump house when completed W. H. Myers & Son were to receive the sum of \$3,730; for the crib when completed they were to have \$220, which was to include the laying of the suction.

On the pump house the contractors have received the sum of \$1,106.03, although this action was purely voluntary on the part of the city.

There has been paid in material bills for the pump house alone the sum of \$227.50. In work connected with pump house and crib there has been paid additional material bills amounting to \$441.52; for labor on pump house and crib the sum of \$876.39 has been paid. The contract for painting is \$25.00. A portion of the labor and material bills are chargeable to changes in the plans of the crib, yet quite an amount of it comes under the Myers contract.

All these items collectively amount to \$2,730.46. Estimating that the allowable extra on the crib amounts to the sum of \$500, which is, in the light of the contract, an extremely high estimate, we still have paid to the account of the city on this contract \$2,230.46, leaving the sum of \$1,733.54 to complete the building and offset the indebtedness of the contractors to the city on the pipe laying contract. We submit that the sum is scarcely sufficient, inasmuch as Myers & Son now owe the city as above, \$3372.24 on the pipe line.

G. S. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Engineer.

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20 " Yellow Sugar... 1 00	Olive Oil,
2½ " Best Japat Tea.. 1 00	Extracts oil kinds
5 " Good Japan Tea 1 00	Florida Water,
5 " Carolina Rice... 25	Wax Candles,
8 bars Laundry Soap.. 25	French Sardines,
6 lbs. Bulk Starch... 12	Sardines in Mustard,
2 " Best Gloss Starch 12	Mince Meat,
4 " Best Crackers... 25	Pickles,
5 " Turkey Prunes... 25	Evaporated Peaches,
3 cans Tomatoes..... 25	Evaporated Apricots,
3 " String Beans.... 25	Evaporated Raspberries,
3 " Corn..... 25	Liebig's Extract Beef,
3 bottles French Mustard 25	Worcester Sauce,
2 jugs " " 25	French Capers.
1 lb. Dessicated Cocoa-nut..... 20	
4 lbs. Corn Starch..... 25	

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