

An unofficial announcement of the state canvass of the vote cast at the recent election places Judge Long's plurality at 71,000. The salary amendment was defeated by 30,000.

Our free silver friends can get but little comfort from the returns of the recent state election held in Rhode Island. The campaign was conducted strictly on national issues and the republican vote shows an increase of 20 per cent over the vote of last fall.

Silver has gone down again, and the silver dollar is not worth more than forty-eight cents. That means a decline of ten per cent since the campaign of 1896 opened, for then it was valued at about fifty-three cents. The Bryan fifty-three cent dollar has become a forty-eight cent dollar. Meanwhile wheat has refused to slump. It has advanced decidedly. Wool has risen. So has leather. Pork and lard are higher. Rice has advanced a little. Cotton is not down like silver. Copper and lead have gone up, so have many other articles of merchandise. Even whiskey has just been advanced a notch by the distillers. In the face of these facts the popocrats and populists in congress continue to assert that the only way to make business and industry flourish is to recognize the supreme influence of silver as a factor in the markets and the possibilities of trade. They have given up the old claim that there could be no advance in prices without a corresponding rise in silver, but they still cling to the delusion that silver in some way regulates the world. It is a curious case of perverse blindness to the plain meaning of business facts, too big and solid for any one with fair mental powers and a real desire to know the truth, to overlook or misunderstand.—State Republican.

WASTING TIME AND MONEY.

Rep. Shepard Believes the Legislature Should Cease Doing So.

Rep. F. M. Shepard sees the uselessness of long and weary sessions of the legislature and desires to bring the present session to a close as soon as possible. He expressed the sentiment of the best members of the house in the resolution which follows and which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There has never been a time in the history of the state when the business interests of the people were so depressed as at present, or when the people of the state felt so keenly the burdens imposed upon them; and

WHEREAS, The expenses of the present legislature will reach an average of about \$500 per day.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this house that the more important legislation of the session be brought forward and disposed of as rapidly as possible, in order that an early adjournment may be reached, and the burden of taxation removed as far as possible.

Rep. Shepard should continue his effort in this direction and we hope he will be successful. The same dallying applies to all bodies of this kind and the board of supervisors might take a hint and in their committee report on the matters brought before them get things in such shape that prompt action may be taken and much expense saved.

AN IMPORTANT OPINION.

Handed Down by the Supreme Court on Bonds of Saloon Men.

The justices of the supreme court materially disagreed in deciding an important liquor case. The prevailing opinion was written by Justice Hooker and signed by Justices Moore and Grant. Justices Long and Montgomery united in a dissenting opinion.

Some time ago Fred Saunders, of Grand Rapids, was arrested at the instance of the Citizens' League for selling liquor without having legal bond, it being shown that one of his sureties was also on several other liquor bonds. Judge Burlingame, of the superior court, quashed the information because the bond had been approved by the common council, and then the prosecuting attorney applied to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel the circuit judge to set aside his order and reinstate the case.

The question presented was whether a bond approved by a common council of a city or village was in all cases a protection, or whether the party giving the bonds must in all cases see to it at his peril that the bondsmen have the qualifications fixed by statute.

In the prevailing opinion, written by Justice Hooker, the majority hold that it was the intention of the legislature to make the execution and delivery of the prescribed bond a condition precedent to sale, and to require the person desiring to engage in the business to assume the responsibility of knowing that the bond, when presented to the council, complied in all essential particulars to the law, the sufficiency of the bond as to the amount and the responsibility of the sureties only to be determined by

the council. The trial judge was ordered to reinstate the case, and Saunders must stand trial.

Justice Montgomery, in his dissenting opinion, says that the question is whether one who in good faith tenders a bond in proper form, and who after having such bond approved by the common council, engages in selling liquor, is liable to criminal prosecution. He thinks not. The constitutionality of the law prohibiting the acceptance of the same surety on more than two bonds is upheld.

The Amended Fruit Law.

The fruit growing interests of Michigan are yearly becoming more hampered through the increase of fungi and insects. Recognizing the fact that concerted action against fruit pests is the only certain means of escape, our legislature has amended the Michigan fruit laws, making it the duty of every farmer and fruit grower to effectively spray their orchards and small fruits in case any of the numerous fruit pests are present. Since few orchards, if any, are exempt from injurious fungi, to say nothing of insects, it looks as if we must all fight for our fruit trees or run the risk of having it done for us at no slight expense.

The amendment provides for the appointment of three commissioners upon the application of ten free holders in any township, said commissioners to thoroughly investigate and to be held responsible for the destruction of the pests interesting orchards within their domain.

If this law is enforced, as the legislature evidently intends, it means that every person owning or in charge of an orchard must thoroughly acquaint himself with the business end of the spraying pump.

CHAS. B. COOK.

Ovid.

H. R. Lewis was in Owosso, Tuesday—S. F. Pearl was in Traverse City, Friday and Saturday—B. N. Murdoch and family are moving to Owosso this week—Miss Lena Harris, of Detroit, is spending the week in Ovid—Rev. R. H. Covert and wife, of Reed City, are visiting Ovid relatives—H. M. High, wife and daughter, Majel, spent Sunday in St. Johns—Miss Fannie Clark is home from Ann Arbor for a short vacation—F. E. Hazle and family will occupy the Warren house on Oak St.—G. M. Edwards and daughter Bessie, of Owosso, were in town Tuesday—Howard Everett, of Chicago, visited Ovid relatives and friends the past week—Miss Hattie Plunkett returned to Ypsilanti, Monday, where she will resume her work at the Normal—Mrs. John Patterson, of Detroit, was the guest of her sister, Miss P. A. Blue, the first of the week—E. E. Cowan and daughter, Mable, visited Mrs. Cowan at Mt. Clemens the latter part of last week—Dr. A. W. Beach, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been visiting his brother, Dr. W. P. Beach, the past week—Rev. Joel Martin, of Grand Rapids, visited his son, E. P. Martin, over Sunday and the first of the week.

Burton.

Doctor Lamb, of Owosso, operated on one of George Gibson's eyes, one day the first of the week—Charles Stiff was in Durand two days, the last of the week—Miss Grace Williams dined with the Misses May Gibbs and Maud Crane, Sunday, at the home of J. N. McBride—Frank Scott returned to Pontiac, Monday—Mrs. Chas. Barrows was the guest of Mrs. N. M. Randall, Thursday of last week—Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Wilson spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Green—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell spent Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. G. L. Van Dyne, of Owosso—Mrs. W. Giles and daughter, Miss Lena, of Owosso, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Randall—Mrs. H. Smith and son, Kolla Gould, left Thursday of last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Woodruff, of Port Huron—A. E. Cadz and wife visited friends near St. Johns, Wednesday—Mrs. N. Z. Barrows who has been spending the winter with her son, Charles, and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Markham, has returned to her home in Detroit—Lawrence Courtright, of South Ovid, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Minerva Mason—Miss Grace Williams spent part of the week in Owosso with her sisters, Mrs. E. T. Welch, and Mrs. F. J. Stoddard—G. E. Wright, who has been spending the winter with his mother, returned to his home in Benzonia, Wednesday—Mrs. Ezra Mason entertained her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Durand, the first of the week.

Notwithstanding that the village of Elele has a population of but little over 500, Elele cheese has a reputation in many states. M. S. Doyle has been in the business 20 years, and pays nearly \$20,000 annually to farmers in the vicinity for milk. His factory requires the product of 350 cows. He has recently established a factory in Byron, which is in successful operation. Mr. Doyle says that there never has been a time when farmers could make as much money as now selling milk. It is bringing a good price in the vicinity of successful cheese factories and feed is cheaper than ever before in the history of the country.—St. Johns News.

Attention is called to the page ad. of Murray & Terbusch, published in this issue. This firm has an immense stock of clothing, boots and shoes, and purchasers are sure to get goods at bargain prices.

A Change of Services.

The service usually held at 7:30 p. m. in the Congregational church, Sundays, is to be set forward to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. For the next four Sunday afternoons the pastor is to take up some of the inspiring books of fiction, and try to impress the moral truths in them. The series will be:

- April 25—Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter." Topic: The Penalty Within.
May 2—George Elliot's "Romola." Topic: The Smothered Conscience.
May 9—Auerbach's "On The Heights." Topic: The Kingdom Within.
May 16—Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables." Topic: The Awakened Conscience.

The choir will render good music at these services. They will hold but one hour. It is hoped that many who do not go out to church in the evening will find it possible to attend these services. Come out and bring your friends.

The printing committee of the common council has awarded the contract to do the official city printing for the coming year to Tux Times and The Press.

The Estey Mfg. Co. shipped a car load of furniture to California, Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Trask has declined her position in the city schools for the coming year and will enter the University.

Rev. J. C. Cromer, P. P. Deswick and Mrs. M. H. Reynolds will represent the Congregational church at the association meeting, to be held in Durand next week.

Nye & Carter's auction sale of horses was stopped yesterday after a few sales had been made, the prices not being satisfactory.

No description would do justice to the Easter window at D. M. Christian's store. It must be seen to be appreciated. For the past week it has attracted attention from hundreds of people, who find it hard to turn away from so beautiful a sight. The window would do credit to any store in the country.

The officers elect of the Young People's Guild of Christ church are: President, Miss Frances Jones; first vice president, Archie Clapp; second vice president, Miss May Butterfield; secretary, Miss Emily Thomas; treasurer, Henry Warren.

Petition has been made to the probate court by Wp. G. Fauth, praying the court to authorize and empower the petitioner to bring an action upon the bond of Edward Burk, of Detroit, the executor of the last will and testament of Geo. Fauth, the action to be brought in the name of the Judge of Probate for the use and benefit of said petitioner. The petitioner claims there is a balance due him of about \$10,000. W. M. Kilpatrick represents the petitioner.—Journal.

We direct the attention of our readers to the auction sale of Jersey cows and Shetland ponies, to be held at Watkins' farm, Birmingham, Mich., April 27. See ad. in another column.

Notice of Caledonia Park Drain Letting, May 8, 1897.

Notice is hereby given, that I, G. T. Mason, County Drain Commissioner of the county of Shiawassee, Michigan, do hereby hold, at 10 o'clock of May 8, 1897, at the Caledonia Park in the township of Caledonia, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a drain, to be known and designated as the "Caledonia Park Drain," located and established in the said township of Caledonia, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 185-100 chains north of the quarter post between sections 19 and 20, T 7, R 2 E, township of Caledonia, Shiawassee county, Michigan, and 9 feet west of the line between said sections. From thence south 165-00 chains, to a point 165-00 chains north of a point six feet east of said quarter post; thence a 9'-00", w 16 42-100 chains parallel to said line between sections 19 and 20, and six feet east of the same, to the north line of Caledonia park, and to the south end of the drain.

The whole length of this drain is 18 42-100 chains. The width of the bottom is to be three feet and the drain is to have a slope of one foot on each side to each foot raise. The width of the top is to be 12 feet or less, to be determined by the depth which is shown by the grade and profile hereto attached and made a part of the survey records.

A strip of land 30 feet wide will be required for the drain and to deposit the excavated earth upon.

Surveyed and level taken Nov. 13, A. D. 1895. By order of George T. Mason, County Drain Commissioner. H. C. MAIN, Surveyor.

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of the drain will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in the office of the county drain commissioner, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder, giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall be as announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the drain commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the interest thereon, as provided in the "Caledonia Park Drain Special Assessment District," will be subject to review.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said drain, viz: A. V. Johnson's addition to the city of Owosso, blk 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; blk 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; blk 5, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; blk 6, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

The interior of the postoffice is being papered and painted.

Congregational Church Conference.

The annual meeting of the Genesee Association of Congregational churches will be held at Durand, April 27 and 28th. The program is as follows:

- TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
2:00—Organization and Business.
3:00—"The Scriptural Teaching Concerning the Second Coming of Christ."
Rev. F. V. Stevens, Vernon.
3:30—Discussion, led by Rev. Miles E. Bacon, Penton.
4:00—"What the Pew can Reasonably Expect from the Pastor." E. L. Briggs, Flint.
4:30—"The Kind of Parishioners I Like." Rev. F. M. Coddington, Lansingburg.
TUESDAY EVENING.
7:30—Sermon. Rev. H. L. Hoyt, Flint.
Communion. Rev. John Allworth Ovid.
8:30—Address: "Home Missions." Sec. W. H. Warren, Lansing.
WEDNESDAY MORNING.
8:50—Devotional Service.
9:00—Business.
9:15—"Henry Drummond, and the Harmony between Science and Religion as he saw it." Rev. Arthur H. Kelly, Bancroft.
9:45—"Business Principles Exemplified by the Minister." Rev. Walter D. King, Highland Station.
10:15—Discussion.
11:00—"Re-adjustments." Rev. H. E. Butler, D. D., St. Johns.
11:30—Discussion, led by Rev. D. A. Holman, Chesaning.
4:30—"Our State Sunday School Work." Sec. William Ewing, Lansing.

Spalding Transfers Some Property. Nashua, N. H., April 21.—A deed was recorded in the Hillsboro county register of deeds Tuesday from Charles W. Spalding of Chicago and his wife, Lizzie M. Spalding, transferring to the University of Illinois the magnificent stock farm owned by Spalding in Merriam. The farm is one of the most valuable of its kind in the state. It contains 120 acres. The deed is dated April 14, 1897, at Chicago. This farm was attached a few days ago by Spalding's father as security on his bonds. Spalding was president of the defunct Globe Savings bank of Chicago and is now under bonds on a charge of embezzlement.

Another Flurry in Wheat. New York, April 21.—There was another flurry in wheat Tuesday morning, although not so wild or so long continued as the day before. Because of a disappointing set of foreign advices and a smaller decline in consols than expected, there was a big lot of wheat for sale at the opening. Prices at once crumbled away, and first sales were made on the basis of 79 1/2 to 79 3/4 cents for May, against 81 1/2 cents Monday night at the close. The selling came from both foreign and local sources, but soon exhausted itself and prices rallied to 80 1/2 cents for May.

Commissioners' Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Malcolm D. Bailey, deceased, the undersigned having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Frank E. Welch, in the city of Corunna, in said county, on Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, and on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate, and that six months from the 12th day of April, 1897, are allowed to creditors to present their claims, and said commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 15th day of April, A. D. 1897. FRANK E. WELCH, AMASA A. HARPER, WILLIAM HART, Commissioners.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF SHIWAESSEE. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, held at the Probate Office in the City of Corunna, on the 22d day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

In the matter of the estate of John L. Tyler, deceased. Richard F. Kay, as administrator, having rendered to this court his final account.

It is ordered, that the 24th day of May next, ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee. MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.

W. E. Watson is the proud possessor of a table which was originally used as a desk in the old log court house of Livingston county, away back in 1836, when Ely Barnard, an uncle of Mrs. N. G. Phillips, Sr., was register of deeds.—At the regular meeting of the common council held last Monday evening, the following appointments were made and confirmed by the council. Street commissioner, Orrin Britton; health officer, Dr. Cosgrove; fire warden, Hiram H. Hildeman; special assessors, Ward Devereaux, Frank Van Toy, Wm. Swarthout; board of review, C. E. Godfrey, T. M. Euler; street committee, C. E. Godfrey, R. Sherman, C. B. Simonson; finance committee, T. M. Euler, W. H. Payne, A. J. Kent. The nightwatch, marshal and engine keeper will be appointed at the next regular meeting.—Commercial.

There will be a special meeting of the Shiawassee Mutual Fire Insurance Company at the court house, in the city of Corunna, on Saturday, May 29, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to present amendments to the charter of the company. AMOS PARMENTER, Pres. PETER PATCHEL, Sec. OSCAR C. MOORE, Director.

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Iowa's New Liquor Law.

Des Moines, Ia., April 21.—The mullet law, including the manufacturing amendment, was reported for passage by the committee on suppression of intemperance in the house yesterday just as the senate passed it. One of the leading opponents of the measure admitted that it is probable the manufacturing feature will be adopted by the house as it came from the senate.

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McClure's Magazine for May will contain a series of life portraits of Daniel Webster—the "godlike Daniel"—one of the few great men who looked every inch of their greatness. Some of the portraits are said to be extremely rare. An introduction and notes, by Charles Henry Hart, will give their several histories and relate interesting anecdotes regarding them.

Demorest's Magazine for May contains nearly 100 graphic illustrations, and there is not a dull page in it. McClure's Inauguration, told by the camera, is alone well worth the price of the magazine, the photographs vividly depicting the whole pageant and needing no second description.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in Owosso postoffice the week ending April 17: Mary A. Byrnes, Sam Smith, Chas. Smith, Mrs. M. J. DeLong, Chas. Edwards, Jay Blackford, Wire Fence Mfg. Co., Mrs. Wm. Rose.

DR. HALE

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