

WE LIVE TO PLEASE.

The measure of life being but a span,
We should enjoy it while we can;
To accomplish this no better way
Than live with all in harmony.

Each should endeavor each to please,
Which can be done with greatest ease.
It only needs to lay aside
Self, that would our reason guide.

To please has been our life's desire;
We toil for it, but never tire;
And passing years suggest new ways
By which we may the people please.

For our last effort in this way,
Permit us here a word to say,
And introduce you, if you choose,
To our unequalled stock of shoes.

There's nothing like it in the land,
And prices what the times demand,
Besides in comfort, ease and wear,
You'll find perfection every pair.

A. LYNCH.

One Advantage.

At H. J. GILLEN'S is the fact that second purchases of spring stock were made late, and the bargains secured on a dull market are all given the buyer. The percent thus saved is very considerable, as the buyer will find on inspection of their prices, while at the same time the very latest fabrics are obtained. The rush at Gillen's is steady and for what some call a dull season, sales have been very large, keeping the 30 employees busy from morning until night.

The City Council.

The city council was called to order at half past seven last Tuesday evening with Mayor Allen in the chair. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. The clerk read a report from the finance committee saying that they had audited and recommended the payment of bills to the following amounts: Salary department, \$777.50; health department, \$213.70; fire department, \$9.13; gas department, \$468.50; police department, \$9.05; sewerage department, \$123.40; and contingent fund, \$194.63.

Mayor Allen, then rose and in a suitable speech thanked the old council for their courtesies, and bade them farewell. Alderman Titus, H. S. G. and Corcoran then took their places and were sworn in. A communication from Bronson and Foster, in regard to the proposed water works was then read and referred to the street and alley committee. The mayor then read appointments for the ensuing year as follows: Health Officer, Dr. Ralph Dyer; Street Surveyor, Andrew Sherer; City Marshal, Jerry Maher; Chief of Police, Thomas Brennan; Fire Marshall, Wolfe; Asst. Fire Marshall, Wise; City Printer, Nattinger; City Surveyor, Col. Hitt.

The mayor then rose and made his inaugural address. He said that the city was nearly out of debt, and in a flourishing condition. He said he had heard some complaints about high taxation, but went on to show that the city was in better shape than it had been for sometime and would probably require very little outlay for some time to come. He also made several suggestions as to methods to be employed during the coming year.

A motion was made and carried that an ordinance be drafted to regulate the city expenditures. In the matter of the law suit of Trainor against the city, a committee of three was appointed to employ counsel, the city attorney having been employed upon the other side of this same case previous to his election.

A petition against the opening of Cedar street was read and referred. A petition to drain Norris street was also referred.

Ald. MacKinley moved to reduce the pay of street laborers from \$1.75 to \$1.50, and after a vigorous debate his motion was carried. Mr. MacKinley also moved to raise the amount of the yearly allowance for street sprinkling from \$150 to \$250. The motion was lost. A motion to put in a telephone at Ottawa Centre was referred.

Bonds were approved of city Clerk Kelly, and city Treasurer White. The standing committees for the ensuing year are as follows:

Streets and alleys, Titus, Maher and Corcoran.
Finance, Weil, MacKinley and Hull.
Gas, Maher, Hull and Corcoran.
Fire, Hull, Burke and Weil.
Local assessments, Hayne, Hull and Corcoran.
Law and ordinances, MacKinley, Maher and Weil.
Sewerage, Dineen, Prichard and Burke.
Buildings and sidewalks, Corcoran, Dineen and Hayne.
Police, MacKinley, Prichard and Titus.
Health, Burke, Hull and Dineen.
License, Prichard, Titus and Weil.
The council adjourned.

S. O. IMPROVEMENT.

Ben. M. Boyle, in South Ottawa, has put up the most aesthetic butcher shop in this region. It is twice as pretty as a Chinese pagoda, and internal, as well as new lumber and pretty colored paint can make it. It is a fancy shop, gotten up on the principles of high toned art. Otto Hertzner, the meat carpenter, who is the proprietor of the meats within, runs it in the best possible manner.

It would be a very excellent idea for the trustees to repair the third ward school house. It is on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city and is one of the first seen by strangers. It would be greatly improved by a coat of paint.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Improvement Association last Monday evening the following officers were elected: T. D. Catlin, president; H. G. Cotton, secretary; E. C. Allen, trustee of the real estate; D. A. Cook, treasurer; and an executive committee consisting of Messrs. Catlin, Cotton, Titus, Cook and Riale. The business of this committee is to manage the sale of the lots.

The school board met last Monday evening, with all present but one. The board audited several bills, and re-appointed Prof. D. R. A. Thorp superintendent for another year, at \$1,350 a year.

A New Block.

Mr. F. A. Sherwood, Thomas & Hugh Colwell have come to an agreement to erect immediately a new and handsome block of buildings on La Salle street, beginning on the lot next north of the old Buchanan house next to the post office and running thence to the corner of Jackson street, including the site of the present office building of the Messrs. Colwell. Into this building as is now expected the FREE TRADER office will be moved on its completion, at which time a new power press will be added to the plant and its steam power plant increased from two to six horse power. The new building will be of pressed brick, provided with all modern improvements. The FREE TRADER'S new quarters will include a business office on La Salle street and a large room back provided with all machinery, type and fittings to make it the model printing office of this part of Illinois. Orders have already gone in for the material for the building, the whole to be ready for occupants by August 1st next. It will be a big improvement to upper La Salle street, and shows the faith of these gentlemen in the future growth of the North End, as some are pleased to call it, though the building will stand almost on the exact center of the population of the city.

Come and See

those best ingrain carpets at 75c per yard (made up).
P. S. This lot will not last another week. Don't wait.
See the new rugs at Hull's today.
Go and see the newest out in lace curtains At Hull's.

All the new styles straw and felt hats for boys and children at FISKE & BEEM'S.
Fiske and Beem have the finest line of children's straw hats ever shown in Ottawa. The prices are very low this season.

If you want the correct style hats for men, boys, youths and children, give us a call. We have the largest line in the state, and will guarantee prices to be the very lowest.
FISKE & BEEM.

Hats for the old, the young, and middle aged, the tall, the short, the fat, the lean, the rich, the poor, in fact, hats for everybody at popular prices, at
FISKE & BEEM.

Personal.

NATTINGER.—Mr. E. A. Nattinger, of the *Times*, spent the first part of this week in Chicago.
BRADFORD.—Charles Bradford came home from Aurora the other day very sick.
HARRISON.—Mr. J. D. Harrison of Grandville, is in town. He sang at Mr. Hoffman's funeral yesterday afternoon.
HOLMES.—Rev. and Mrs. D. Holmes went to Rockford last Thursday where Mr. Holmes will assist in the dedication of a new Methodist church tomorrow.

YOUNG.—Rev. G. S. Young, a former pastor of the Methodist church of this city, is in the city with his wife, and will preach at the Methodist church tomorrow. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cheever.

EAMES.—The Leadville, Col., *Journal* April 30th says: "A pleasant surprise was given Colonel R. E. Goodell, our genial postmaster, in the arrival on a flying visit from Denver, of Mr. L. H. Eames, a prominent banker of that city, and a friend of the Colonel's of forty years standing. Mr. Eames has been traveling for the past three months through Old Mexico, California and other places. He departed on last evening's train for the east."

GEDNEY.—Mrs. H. E. Gedney has returned from a visit to friends in Earlville.

DWYER.—Mr. John Dwyer has taken a position in Hull's.

DOWELL.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowell returned from their bridal tour last Tuesday. They will make Ottawa their home.

CRANE.—Mrs. E. Crane, of Peoria, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Conkling, of South Ottawa.

EUROPE.—Miss Louis Rohrer, of Northville, and A. Bernard, of Seneca, left for Europe on Wednesday last with the purpose of buying draft horses. Mr. Bernard has several times of late years made the trip, but this will be the first time in 45 years that Mr. Rohrer will look upon the land of his birth.

ARMOUR.—Miss Ann Armour returned on Friday last from Denver, where she had spent the past few months for the benefit of her health. Though not entirely well, she was much improved by the trip. Miss Celia Armour of La Salle is here with her.

The young children of Ottawa celebrated May day last Monday night with a vengeance, but the trouble was the little hoodlums didn't stop when they got through. Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening the citizens of the north side and in other locations around town were disturbed by the youngsters ringing doorbells and raising Cain generally. Some of these dear little children would be greatly improved by a spanking.

DEED.—Mrs. Catherine Butler, at Land Oyster, Ohio, last Wednesday, aged 95 years, deceased was the mother of Mrs. O. M. Butler, of this city.

The two Masters Stevens, sons of R. C. Stevens, are sick with the measles.

Miss Irwin.

Many people around Ottawa and in various parts of La Salle county, will heartily endorse facts of the following notice of Miss Irwin, formerly of Utica, who has a number of portraits in this city. The clipping is from the Genesee, Ill., *Republic*:
Miss Irwin, the talented young artist, has just brought down from Chicago, so Mrs. Crozier, a beautiful crayon portrait of her son Olin. Acquaintances feel a special pride and interest in the success of Miss Irwin who by force of her own genius, has won for herself a high rank among the distinguished artists of Chicago. One can hardly realize that such a life-like portrait as this of Olin Crozier could have been produced from the faded and imperfect tin type which was all she had to work from. The drawing is remarkable in its correctness and there is a delicacy and finish such as is rarely seen. Miss Irwin will remain a few days here with her friends to afford all who desire to see her work an opportunity of doing so. She makes life-sized portraits in both crayon and pastel from any kind of a photograph, or by free hand work from sittings. A few specimens of her work, which all persons at all conversant with art must confess are among the finest ever seen here, are on exhibition at A. White & Co.'s store.

One Dr. Alkin married a Miss Payne, but I cannot describe the wedding. It gives me an Aikin Payne just to think of it.—*Wilkins*.

The fire department elected new officers Monday evening as follows: President, Noah C. Perkins; secretary, Otto J. Gondolf; treasurer, A. F. Scoch; steward, Thos. Lyel; board of directors, C. G. Russell, Joel T. Pierce Jr.; W. H. Hull captain, Joel T. Buckley Jr.; first lieutenant, Henry Hertzner; second lieutenant, George Jobs.

The city council has passed an ordinance fixing the clerk's salary at \$300, all fees earned to belong to the treasury.

City treasurer White can be found at the county clerk's office.

Clothing Room.

We have in all departments Mer.'s Clothing very latest styles. Youth's Clothing stylish and cheap. Boys' Clothing very stylish and cheap. Children's Clothing durable, stylish and cheap. at
FISKE & BEEM'S,
Low Price, One Price Clothiers.

Complete Surprise.

Our new customs as well as those who are familiar with our clothing, and prices are surprised at our fine styles and low prices.
FISKE & BEEM,
One Price, Low Price Clothiers.

Grand Spring Display

of children's Spring Styles of Suits, Waists, and Hats at
FISKE & BEEM'S,
One Price, Low Price Clothing House.

The marriage of Miss Lizzie E. Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Thompson, and W. J. Leacock of Chicago, took place on last Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's mother in West Ottawa. Rev. G. Frederick officiating. There was a number of friends and relatives present, and a pleasant evening enjoyed by the guests. The young people will reside in Chicago, where Mr. Leacock is employed on the *Inter Ocean*.

Amusements.

On Thursday, May 12th the Opera House will be occupied by the famous McNish, Johnson and Slavin's Refined Minstrels the largest and best Minstrel Company ever organized, and which includes all the great artists in the burnt cork profession of the present day. The entertainment includes new and novel effects, beautiful costumes, superb vocal and instrumental music, intricate dancing, latest burlesque and all that is good or that can be seen in minstrelsy. Seats will be put on sale at Simon's music store on Monday morning for only 75 cents each.

An Ottawa Boy.

Word reached us last evening that J. H. Finlay, a former graduate of the Ottawa High School, has taken the first prize at the annual Interstate Oratorical meeting and contest at Bloomington. Mr. Finlay is now a resident of Grand Ridge. The contest took place Thursday evening, May 5. There were representatives present from nine different states, and three delegates from each state. The first prize was \$75 cash.

The productions were of remarkable ability. The judges on thought, who had previously passed upon the orations, were Gov. Foraker of Ohio, Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston, and Senator Hawley of Connecticut. Those on delivery were Hon. J. H. Rowell of Bloomington, Ill., Rev. Dr. Edwards of Chicago, and J. Johnson Brigham of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Such a victory is one of which not only Mr. Finlay himself may be proud, but his village may be proud of him, and may hope to raise a few more of that same kind.

Marriage Licenses.

The following parties have been granted marriage licenses during the past week: John Blesak and Annie Marsincheck; Edward F. Horton and Nellie Sweeney; Anton Link and Wilhemena Achenberg; John H. Percell and Nellie Minor; Joseph Gloss and Hattie Gordon; Thomas English and Margaret Rowett.

The Interstate Commerce Bill makes about \$6,000 a year difference to Mill's company in expenses, and to about 400 other companies of the same size or larger it makes the same or a greater difference. There is \$2,400,000 per annum difference in the expenses of the leading troupes of this country, to say nothing of the smaller conveniences. Perhaps \$4,000,000 would be a fair estimate of the annual extra tax that the Interstate Commerce Bill imposes upon the theatrical profession.

The Sidney S., Capt. James Hossack commanding, makes trips up and down the Illinois river every afternoon and evening when the weather is pleasant. The little craft has been well patronized so far. Ten cents a trip is charged. Its worth it.

GREAT SALE OF FINEST LOTS

Of the Ottawa Improvement Co.; but, on Friday, May 6th, 1887, we will offer a special BARGAIN in SOAP, 1/2c per cake. The best and largest cake you ever used. With every One Dollar's worth of Soap a sample package of the best Flour in the city.

W. C. RIALE & CO., BARGAIN GROCERS.

Kid Gloves.

The new improved Foster Patent lace gloves are the best. We are selling the new kids now:

- 5 hook, plain, all shades, \$1.
- 5 hook, embroidered, all shades, \$1.25.
- 7 hook, plain and embroidered, \$1.50.
- 5 button, escoloped top, 50c.

Prices on all button gloves reduced 25cts. As wrists vary in size the fastening should be adjustable. The Foster Patent lacing with the recently improved hook will not catch in lace, wear out sleeve linings or accidentally unfasten.

Large stock of silk gloves and lace mitts just received. J. E. Scott & Co.

Rugs.

J. E. Scott & Co. have received a beautiful lot of rugs.
Large, nice rugs \$2.50, \$2.87, \$3.15, \$3.50, \$3.75 to \$4.75. J. E. Scott & Co.

The Clifton.

The Clifton under the management of Mr. Rogers was always a first-class house, well managed, and in every respect gratifying to the public; but under the management of the Messrs Taylor Bros., a number of changes in all departments have been made which have added very materially to the pleasure and comfort of the guests. We have taken pains to inquire about the new management of late (behind the backs of the general proprietors), and we find that everyone approached has seemed just about ready to talk us to death on the subject. To a man they are delighted, there is no better word, and say "the house was never so good as it is now," and that is saying a very great deal. We congratulate the Taylor Bros., for they are bound to succeed and handsomely, too.

Money to loan on farm property. B. F. LINCOLN.

New silk curtain draperies just received At Hull's.

A meeting of the Ottawa Decoration Association was held at the court house on Tuesday evening last. Mr. E. Y. Griggs acted as chairman, and was re-elected president; Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. Hapeman, Mrs. H. C. Nash, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Wallace, vice presidents. The treasurer's report showed \$86.17 in the treasury. Mrs. J. E. Cook was elected treasurer, and E. S. Sapp secretary. Captain Fullerton will be the orator of the day. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs Nattinger, Fullerton and Cook. The celebration will be a fitting commemoration of the day.

The Organ Factory.

As stated in last week's FREE TRADER the contract with the organ factory people was signed last week, Friday. At this time the money was nearly all raised, and the balance was being rapidly diminished. The funds required are now all subscribed, and the arrangements otherwise nearly projected. At a meeting of the subscribers to the fund held at the county court room last Monday, the Ottawa Improvement Association was organized with T. D. Catlin president and H. G. Cotton secretary. The following committees were appointed: On real estate, T. D. Catlin, H. G. Cotton, W. B. Titus, D. A. Cook and W. C. Riale. On deeds and agreements, Judge Blanchard, Mayor Widmer, and Samuel Richardson; trustee, E. C. Allen, treasurer, D. A. Cook. Letters were read from several other factories of various kinds seeking for new locations.

On Thursday evening last the meeting of the Business Men's Association was called to order at 8 P. M. by President Catlin, and the minutes were read and approved. Mr. S. Leland presented an abstract of title to the land purchased of Mr. Bruen, and it was referred. After hearing two other communications from more factories looking for locations, the meeting adjourned, and was called to order again as the Ottawa Improvement Company. The report of the legal committee was then read by Judge Blanchard, consisting of a legal contract or agreement to be signed by the subscribers to the fund and binding each to pay the sum he had subscribed. This paper was accepted, and was signed by those present.

The *Times* has had its face washed and put on a clean bib.
Rug sale today (Saturday).
At Hull's.

A new lot of very handsome chromes have just been received at Hapeman & Graham's

Wall Paper.

We have heretofore mentioned that Hapeman & Graham's was the place to get wall paper. We might add that the firm's selections evidence most excellent taste and judgment, as they exhibit this year probably the most elaborate and elegant designs ever shown in Ottawa. Their stock is also the largest, and you can rely upon getting just what you want in the line of wall papers at Hapeman & Graham's.

Go to H. C. Strawn for self adjustable screens.

A new store is now occupied as a shoe store next to G. W. Fox's Madison street grocery.

Fine Stallions.

W. J. Neely has at his place in Ottawa six fine, standard bred stallions and one pacing stallion: Byron, record 2:25; Ottawa Chief, 2:25; Seal, Woodbury, Byron Pilot, Muscatello. It will pay you to go and see them.

Good Pasturing.

Shade and water, at Reddick's farm. Enquire at Peter Egan's livery stable.

Church Notices.

Services will be held in the various churches of Ottawa to-morrow as follows:

Rev. G. S. Yeung, former pastor of the First Methodist Church, and now pastor of the First M. E. Church of Elgin, will preach next Sunday in the Methodist church. Rev. D. F. Holmes and wife will spend Sunday in Rockford.

First Congregational church, Rev. W. F. Day, pastor. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening; Sunday school at noon; young people's society of Christian endeavor at 7 p. m.

St. Columba church, Rev. James Ryan, pastor. Low mass at 7 A. M., mass for children at 8:30, and high mass, with sermon at 10:30; Sunday school at 2 and vespers and benediction at 3:30 p. m.

At the Presbyterian church services begin at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Sunday school preceding.

Episcopal church, Rev. N. W. Heermans, pastor. Services as usual at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The public are cordially invited to attend.

N. B.—Any churches whose notices are not on this list will confer a favor upon the FREE TRADER by sending us a postal announcing what their services will be.

On last Wednesday evening the Ottawa Driving Park stockholders met at the Clifton house, and elected directors who organized by electing Charles W. Irion president, H. V. Wilson vice-president, E. C. Allen, Jr., second vice-president, W. W. Taylor secretary, A. F. Schoch treasurer, and Thomas Reedy superintendent of track. The track is now completed and the public is invited to help pack it by driving on it.

J. E. Scott Co. received another large assortment of carpets yesterday; among this lot were several pieces of very choice styles of ingrain.

The following are the principal real estate transfers for the past week in La Salle Co.:

- C. D. Chalfant to H. E. Rose and Robert Rankin, wh lot 8, blk 11, orig town of Streater, \$900. John C. Barlow to Edwin Carl, 1st 1/2 N 88th lot 3, blk 2, also lot 3, blk 29, also lot 2, blk 29, \$1,958. J. T. Buckley admr to Geo Brockley wh sec 3 town 31 r 4. John Krushel to Edward Wiler, wh whq sec 6, town 29, r 5, \$2,421.00. Geo Mulandin to Robert Sampson lot 15, blk 20, orig town of Streater, \$1,000. A M Parker to Mfg and Bldg Co. lots 2, 3, 4, 5, blk 77. Verm Coal Co's Add to Streater, \$2,000. Leopold Curtak to Otto Lavar Sr e 20 ft, lot 5, blk 17, also w20ft lot 5, blk 17, orig town of Peru, \$2,000.

During the past week the transfers in Ottawa city amounts to \$4,322; in Peru to \$6,534; in La Salle to \$2,339; in Streater to \$20,047.

Deed.—Sunday evening last, at home, William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Flynn. The funeral took place from the residence on Tuesday.

The La Salle Co. Medical Society meets at 10 a. m., Tuesday next, May 10, at the court house. All regular physicians are invited to attend and become members of the organization. The meeting will be a good one. Several of the first physicians are to read papers which will be open to discussion; and it is hoped that every physician in the county and many from the neighboring counties will be present.

TO ADMIRERS OF FINE HORSES.

My Fine Bred Trotting Stallion.

BROWN ERICSSON

Will make the season of 1887 as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at my barn in Utika, Ill.

On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Clifton Hotel Barn, Ottawa, Ill.

TERMS, \$20 TO INSURE.

H. S. GILBERT, GEO. WATKINS, Manager.

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150. TELEPHONE. 150.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest LIVERY STABLES in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies.

To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, Sec. supplied with Good Hips on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Parties taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.

Remember the place—On Madison street, east of depot, one block west of new court house. PETER EGAN. Ottawa Feb. 9 1884

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Special Attractions IN Table Linens, Towelings, and all Linen Goods, ALSO Prints and Other Spring Dress Goods.

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Now Arriving Daily, which are of the choicest fabrics and designs. Don't fail to see them, for the styles this season are extra choice and attractive.

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