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J. E. Stutz was in Shepherd Tuesday. Hubbardston thinks she has oil wells.

Ed. R. Schweier, of Shepherd, was in town Tuesday.

Geo. N. Wright, of Saginaw, was in town over Sunday.

Jas. A. Stutz was in Detroit last week buying goods.

The Union School will graduate several students this year.

Dr. J. H. Lancashire, of Saginaw, was in town Wednesday.

Born to Mrs. H. B. Waldby, Sunday Feb. 20, a 10 pound daughter.

Dr. Morris Hale, of Ypsilanti sanitarium, was in town Wednesday.

Chas. F. Brown, of the Record was in Sheridan, on business, Tuesday.

Washington township was the first to settle with the county treasurer this year.

Rumored, that a large rake and shovel manufacturing is soon to be established here.

Mr. Harrison, the new proprietor of the Ithaca Advance, made this office a pleasant call Monday.

The T. & A. will be pushed north from Mt. Pleasant as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

H. B. Waldby has been confined to the house with a severe attack of neuralgia, for several days.

Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer, of Ithaca, was in town on legal business a couple of days this week.

Judge O. W. Powers speaks Friday evening, March 11, upon the Mormon question. Go and hear him.

Married, Feb. 20, Charles J. Egger, of Alma, and Carrie A. Sherwood, of Arcada, by Justice Yerington.

The Journal says that "Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer is now occupied by W. L. Phillips as a justice office."

Mrs. S. A. Smith was in town Wednesday on her way to Detroit to join her husband at the Kirkwood House.

Married, by justice Yerington, Feb. 24, Chauncey D. Morris, of Bethany township, and Kittie Crasher, of Edinboro.

Mr. Ronk, of the new dry goods firm of Ronk & Baughman, is expected every day now. His household goods arrived last week.

The Ithaca "Theatians" will present "Nevada, or the Lost Mine," and "The Emigrant's Daughter," during the first week of court, i. e. next week.

Will Carnahan's little girl was severely injured while catching on sleighs one last week. The runners ran over her foot and bruised it very badly.

The new town of Perrin has raised a bonus of \$600 for a Fowler man who will build a grain elevator and store house, 10x48, roofed and sided with iron.

Don't fail to see Heywood in his new character of "Wok Shing, the Chinese Laundryman," at Wright's opera house, Tuesday eve., March 8th. One night only.

The editors of Michigan will "excute" down the St. Lawrence next July, after the meeting at Port Huron. For our part we are glad that the date of the meeting has been changed.

Simon Messenger and Mrs. H. B. Hulbert go east Monday to purchase goods for Mrs. Messenger's millinery store. Probably the largest and finest stock ever brought to Alma will be the result of their trip and buyers should bear this in mind.

J. H. Jennings, of the Fenton Independent, was in town Monday, and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. J. is associated with his father in the management of the Independent, and is an enterprising and energetic worker in the newspaper field.

One of the best things that Sam Jones ever said is the following: "The most beautiful sight in the world is to see a family around a cheerful fire, with the head of the family reading from his local newspaper which he has paid for in advance."

The Record says Clinton Nelson drew a load of stone to Alma, a distance of four miles, which weighed 11,000 lbs. We rise to ask which is the biggest, the load or the story.—Ithaca Advance. The load, dear brother, the load.

Wm. J. Marshall was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday morning. He left with us as Yellowstone souvenirs specimens of the rock formed by the springs and geysers, and some beautiful garnets.

Rumored, that St. Louis is the sickest town in the state of Michigan. Poor old thing, how have the mighty fallen, whence "queen" is humbled and subdued.

Geo. Axtell, of Howell, late proprietor of the Harrisville Herier was the guest of his brother, C. H. Axtell, over Sunday. He made the Record office a very pleasant call.

W. S. & S. are buying a great many loads of stone this winter. They will be used in building the addition to the Wright House, Dr. Lancashire's and Fred H. Hamlin's new residences.

Probably one of the largest loads of stones handled in this vicinity for some time was that brought to Alma this week by Edwin Medler, of Arcada. It weighed 12,000 pounds and was drawn 4 miles.

Guy Milliken has been engaged by Mr. Sprang to assist him in his book and stationery store, which he will open in the postoffice building. Guy is an honest, ambitious boy and will render Mr. Sprang able assistance.

St. Louis raised \$16 the other day to buy a gold-headed cane to present to Senator O'Reilly, of Detroit, who, by mistake, as he afterward stated, voted against Alma in the Pine River township squabble.

Pequegnat & Son will move their stock of jewelry, etc., to one corner of Mrs. Messenger's millinery store when the room is furnished, and will largely increase their stock, giving to Alma a first-class jewelry store in every particular.

Dr. Suydam and Glen Saulsbury were in Grand Rapids a couple of days this week, attending the meeting of the state board of pharmacy, by whom Mr. Saulsbury was examined and granted a certificate as being a competent prescription clerk.

J. E. Scudder, Jr., of Breckenridge, who was arrested some days ago for obtaining money under false pretenses, escaped from the officer in charge and his whereabouts is a mystery. He left numerous creditors to mourn his untimely departure.

In the case of the people vs. Isaac Packer, before Justice Yerington, Monday and Tuesday, the defendant was bound over for trial and required to give bonds in the sum of \$250 for his appearance. The case grew out of the dispute as to the ownership of a fanning mill.

We begin to breathe more freely since receiving a bundle of St. Andrews Bay papers and half a dozen handsome shells from members of the Florida party. We have been trying to think that they were intended as a sort of "peace offering," you know! Many thanks for the same, and let us hear from you again.

Editor J. S. Holden, of the Midland Star, has been vindicated. After being caught in a house and confessing that it was his intention to get into a young lady's room, a jury of his peers has declared that the confession was not entitled to belief, and Mr. Holden returns to society a greatly wronged but freely forgiven fellow citizen. His "insanity" has also been cured.

J. W. Fitzmaurice has been in the Northern lumber woods this winter and claims that the reports concerning the disreputable dens there have been grossly exaggerated, and that the greater part of the sensational articles in the various dailies contain more fiction than anything else. Mr. F. is in a position to know what he is talking about, and every Michigan citizen ought to take comfort in his statement.

One of the most "baldheaded" statements ever made by a St. Louis paper was that made by the Republican last week, that St. Louis merchants had, in the last four months, paid out for produce, grain and bolts, brought in by farmers, \$500,000. This in the face of the fact that all three banks in St. Louis combined have not done half that amount of business in the last year!

"Go to," brother Smith, such tales will be made to a more credulous community than can be found in the state of Michigan to-day.

The store, corner of Superior and State streets, recently occupied by Pollasky Bros., is being thoroughly overhauled and will be elegantly fitted up for the reception of Mrs. Messenger's millinery stock. When completed and the stock all in this will undoubtedly be the finest millinery store in this part of the state. Mrs. Hulbert, who will have charge of the millinery branch of the business, is an accomplished lady in that line and can be depended on to make selections that will please the ladies. The stock will be large, varied, and complete. Everything in the line of millinery and fancy goods will be found and in addition will be found a first-class dressmaking establishment. Wait until the store is opened and then go and convince yourself that we have been stating facts.

The second lecture of the course will be delivered Friday evening, March 11, by Judge O. W. Powers, a man who knows what he is talking about.

The Alma Dramatic Club will play "Fanchon" in Mr. Pleasant some time this month, and if the people can stop quarreling long enough to attend, they will see something good.

One day last week the receipts for telegraphing alone at D. L. & N. in connection with the Western Union amounted to \$22.76, what office in Gratiot county can give a larger amount.

The papers that have announced that a breach of promise case in which Max E. Pollasky, of this place and a Miss Smith, of St. Louis, are the interested parties, have, to say the least, taken time by the forelock, as no such suit has been instituted, and in all probability will not be. Be sure you are right, and then go ahead with the "scoop."

The lecture committee need have no fears, we think, concerning the financial success of the Dunbar course, of lectures that have been so kindly provided. One very enjoyable evening has been spent and we feel sure that even more of our citizens will be on hand next Friday evening to hear Judge Powers' address.

Alba Heywood gave two of his unequalled performances at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday evenings, to packed houses. As an impersonator Mr. Heywood is simply without equal. He swayed the audience from laughter to tears. His Cuckoo song and recitation of "over the hills to the poor house" were simply immense.—Caro Advertiser.

Alba Heywood, who gave an entertainment at the opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings, is a character artist and who ranks high in his profession. His renditions of "the new church organ" was true to life. "Samantha Allen" was immense, and "Silly Bill" brought down the house. All who missed seeing him missed a rare treat.—Vassar Times.

A little dispute which may end up in a first class lawsuit is now one of the topics at Riverdale. The particulars as near as we can get at them are as follows: When the D. L. & N. railroad laid its track along its present line through the land through which it passed belonged to Mr. Bradley, father of N. and W. A., of whom the right of way was obtained, or pretended to be, for, as one of the chief officials of the road says, a hat, but owing to joy at securing the land so cheaply we think it must have been that there was no papers made out and Mr. Bradley still holds a clear title to the land as shown by abstracts, etc. In the meantime the railroad company have erected buildings, water tank, etc., upon the ground which now turns up to belong to Bradley. Mr. B. says she wishes to show no bad blood in the matter but will stand up for No. 1 until all is serene. We look for more.—Elm Hall Local.

The first lecture of the course was delivered Wednesday evening by Wm. L. Marshall, to a fair and thoroughly pleased audience. Mr. Marshall is well posted upon the wonders of the "Wonderland" of which he speaks, having visited the Yellowstone National Park several times, studying it long and carefully. His description of the western country previous to the completion of the Pacific R. R. was very interesting, and showed how people did when they were only 1,000 miles or more from a railroad. The entire lecture was pleasing and instructive, and the beautiful views thoroughly delighted the audience. Every American is proud of the natural wonders of this country and as the Yellowstone National Park is also one of the World's wonders, more than ordinary interest is felt, and everyone in attendance must certainly have learned something new. For ourselves, we could go again tonight to hear the lecture repeated and enjoy every word of it.

This morning one of the most interesting law suits ever originating in this city was commenced by the banking house of Harrington & Saviers against F. G. Kneeland for years their cashier. The complaints allege that for a long period while he was in their employ Mr. Kneeland was in the habit of taking and appropriating to his own use moneys that belonged to them. The papers were served by Under-Sheriff Clark, Benton Hanchett of Saginaw, and C. J. Willett of this city, are attorneys for Harrington & Saviers. This case is the sensation of the town to-day and is creating a good deal of talk, as Mr. Kneeland has always been considered one of our best citizens, and many are backward in believing that it is true, thinking that perhaps there has been some mistake, while Harrington & Saviers claim they can prove all these and even more. Criminal proceedings will follow the suit commenced against Mr. Kneeland to-day.—St. Louis Republician.

When the Dramatic Club decide on the date of their next entertainment, Wright's Opera House Band will give a grand street parade, at noon.

Bro. Hoskins is in a peck of trouble and is not particularly popular with the senators and representatives. Poor Hosky!

Next week Wednesday the annexation question will be decided and our citizens do not need to guess but once as to the outcome. St. Louis will be a sick town, "and don't you forget it!"

A subscriber asks how long an alien must have resided in this state in order to declare his intentions to become a citizen and take out first papers. Article VII, Sec. 1, of the constitution of this state provides that an alien must have resided in this state two years and six months, and declared his intentions six mos. preceding an election.

The man, woman or child who kills an English sparrow is a public benefactor. The Michigan Farmer's way of getting rid of them is as follows: "Put some corn meal in a dish for a few days—till they form a habit of coming there to eat; then mix a little Rough on Rats, and there will be a grand clearing sale of sparrows for spring trade. Do this now while the native birds are South."

Following is a list of the jurors drawn to serve at the term of the circuit court called to meet at Ithaca March 4th:

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| Fred Kinkorfer, | Ithaca |
| Wm. D. Letts, | Elba |
| S. Wright, | Hamilton |
| Edzer Russell, | Lafayette |
| Robert Boswell, | Wheeler |
| Frank Helms, | Washington |
| J. J. Wang, | North Star |
| Bunney Coffin, | Emerson |
| Jas. W. Barnard, | Bethany |
| W. W. Baker, | Fulton |
| John Earl, | Newark |
| W. S. Bangs, | Arcada |
| Jas. O. Hilton, | Pine River |
| Geo. Gardner, | North Shade |
| Wm. R. Houck, | New Haven |
| Wm. D. Clark, | Sumner |
| Geo. Ludwig, | Seville |
| Chas. J. Thoenen, | Ithaca |
| N. Lamb, | Elba |
| Henry Curtiss, | Hamilton |
| Wm. R. Robertson, | Lafayette |
| G. F. Drake, | Wheeler |
| John T. Sutton, | Washington |
| W. W. Palmer, | North Star |

The passage of the bill to detach two sections of the town of Pine River, all the portion of the village of Alma which lies in that town and the annexation of it to the town of Arcada, has aroused fury in the minds of many St. Louis people. They are reluctant to forego their authority over Alma and feeling scorn of power have indulged in dreadful insinuations against the Senate.

The idea of the bill is to place Alma under harmonious and well disposed township government, thereby removing the rancor which has existed by reason of a belief that St. Louis was unjust toward her smaller rival. But the St. Louis people and the St. Louis newspapers have attributed corrupt motives to the Senate in passing the bill, grounding the imputations, for there is no direct charge, on the activity which Mr. A. W. Wright, a wealthy citizen of Alma, has manifested to secure the annexation. In particular Senator Post, who represents the district in question has been viciously assailed.

He paid no attention to the matter until a copy of the St. Louis Leader, owned and edited by an attaché of the Senate, was received here, which contained a paragraph intimating that he was probably corruptly influenced to act as he did. He said that if the responsible editor was not employed by the Senate he would disregard the matter, but under the circumstances he felt called upon to ask an investigation into the matter. A committee will be appointed. The bill passed the Senate with only one negative. It is now pending in the House, where the rivalries of the two villages clash to such a degree that the members think the best solution of the matter is to set up Alma by herself.—Detroit Free Press.

At the republican county convention in this village on the 18th inst., C. H. Morse offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the republican county convention of Gratiot county, a change in the boundaries of this judicial district is not desirable.

After considerable discussion regarding the matter by attorneys present and others, an amendment to the above was offered by Giles T. Brown as follows:

And if a change in its boundaries should be made, that Gratiot county be grouped with Isabella and Midland counties.

The resolution as amended was unanimously adopted, and the secretary instructed to forward copies of the same to Senator Post and Representative Wood.—Ithaca Journal.

Alma Church Notes.

CONGREGATIONAL.
Ladies' benevolent society meets with Mrs. H. A. Bogardus on Wednesday afternoon, March 9. Invitation to all.

Mrs. Gibson is serving very acceptably at the organ at the morning service. She is always on hand.

Some unoccupied church sittings. Who will fill them? Come and shake hands with us in the sanctuary. Please come. "I was glad when they said unto me let us go up into the house of the Lord."

Will those who sell drink to the drunken on Sunday nights, contrary to law, keep their customers from disturbing the people in the house of God?

FLORIDA NOTES.

We have received two copies of the St. Andrews (Fla.) Messenger, started in the young city at the beginning of the new year. From it we clip the following items concerning the Alma party, bearing date Jan. 2:

Capt. Turck and H. Rogers are amateur boat-builders. They are repairing the old Blue Bell.

Capt. W. S. Turck, Harrison Rogers and J. H. Rohrbacher with their families accompanied by K. W. Ely compose a party from Michigan spending the winter here in tents.

Noticeable in the improvements of the town is the new building and wharf in front of Jas. Gargett's residence. Wm. Humbert, late of Alma, Michigan, has a neat store of dry goods and groceries in the rear room of the building. Dr. Kester will occupy the front room as an office and drug store. Mr. Gargett is the builder of the first plank sidewalk in town. It extends from his residence to the store.

Election Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of officers for the Village of Alma, will be held on Monday, March 14th, 1887 at the Firemans Hall in said Village of Alma, at which time the following officers will be balloted for:

President, Clerk, Treasurer, three Trustees for two years, Assessor, Street Commissioner and Constable. The polls of said election will be opened at eight o'clock in the morning and kept open until five o'clock in the afternoon.
A. YEIGSON, Acting Clerk.

Registration.—Village of Alma.
Notice is hereby given that the board of registration will be in session at Firemans Hall, in the village of Alma, on Saturday, March 12th, 1887, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of completing the registration of the electors of said village of Alma.
A. YEIGSON, Acting Clerk.

Glad Tidings.

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Call and see new style ladies' collar buttons with chain and pin at Porter's.

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A gold-filled watch, warranted to wear ten years, with Elgin stem-wind and pendulum set movement, for \$15 at G. P. Porter's.

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