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Ye unnumbered of heaven,  
Shall I send you printers here below  
Have no redress above?

The angel stopped her wings and said  
To these redress is given.  
Delinquents on a printer's book  
Can never enter heaven—EX.

The roads are decidedly muddy.  
Don't forget to register Saturday.  
House wanted: apply at this office.

New millinery goods arriving at J. L. Miller's.  
See Ronk & Baughman's new ad. in this issue.

Louis Sweedler, of this place, has been granted a pension.  
Will Lattimer returned last week from his visit in New York.

A large line of Books at popular Prices at the Postoffice Store.  
H. B. Waldby was out Wednesday for the first time since his illness.

A choice, fresh stock of Confectionery at G. E. Sprang's Postoffice Store.  
The Mt. Pleasant Democrat says that Master Jay Struble will start a newspaper at Salt River.

Mrs. Sebrasky, of Royal Oak, is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Enos Kimmel.

Who can tell you our next president, plebiscite voter, franchise assessor, street commissioner and constable will be?

The annual meeting of the Spiritualists' State Association will be held at Grand Rapids, March 25 to 29, inclusive.

Monday night next will be assembly night at the dancing school in Wright's open house, a cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Alma Dramatic Club will play "Fancion" at the opera house next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the club and the fund.

Geo. E. Sprang is now nicely situated in his new store, post office building, and has a very neat stock of books, stationery, confectionery and cigars.

Detroit Evening News, Journal, Free Press, and Tribune, Saginaw Courier, Grand Rapids Democrat, and Alma Record can be found at the Postoffice Store.

Mrs. Susie Burns will speak in the interest of the W. H. M. S. at the M. E. church next Sunday morning, the 13th inst., with a view of organizing such a society.

The board of registration will be in session at Freeman's Hall, Saturday, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening. Be sure and register if you wish to take part in the voting Monday.

Ronk & Baughman are getting their stock arranged this week and by the first of next week will be ready to receive all customers. They have a complete stock of dry goods and we are of the opinion that our citizens will find them "honest."

John Watts, for some time in the employ of J. W. McLeod, and for many years a resident of Alma, has secured a situation as salesman with a Kalkaska firm and will remove with his family to that place. Their friends here will be sorry to have them go.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day festival at Wright's opera house, Thursday evening, March 17, to which all are invited. Chas. McNally and John Taylor are managers, and Milliken & Amsden's orchestra will furnish music for the dancing. Grand promenade at 8:30, talk, 7c.

Calls for township canvases for any township party under the sun will be published in this paper free of charge. No matter what your politics may be, if you want your caucus notices published where the people will see them send to The Record or hand them in.

Will Davidson, of this village, and C. E. Willoughby, of North Shade, were arrested yesterday by Deputy U. S. Marshal, Evans, of Owosso, charged with selling liquor while running the Central House without a license. They were taken before U. S. Commissioner, Dodge, at Lansing.—Ithaca Journal.

Those wishing to paper rooms of that tenement with a desirable preparation should call at T. A. Miller & Co.'s Central Drug store and examine their stock. They will carry a full line of Wall Paper, Paints, Oils and the celebrated Marcelline Wall Finish, which they will be pleased to show you at any time.

Herbert O'Connell was in Saginaw Wednesday.  
E. N. Chadwick and wife spent Sunday at Shepherd.

Gale Davidson spent several days in Detroit this week, the guest of S. A. Smith.  
Box Paper, Invitation and Regret Cards of the latest style, at the Postoffice Store.

E. W. Lyon will extend the time of making a dozen photographs for \$2.00 to April 1st.  
A finely selected stock of Books, Stationery, Confectionery, Etc., at the Postoffice Store.

The Grand Rapids Democrat was the first paper to bring an account of the Ithaca disaster to Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gray, of Sheridan, were in town this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brown.

F. E. Pollasky of P. Bros. has gone East to purchase the spring stock for their new mammoth double store.

F. H. Handlin will occupy John Watts' house until his new residence, which is to be erected this summer, is completed.

A delegation of nine Oddfellows were royally entertained at Ithaca last week, Wednesday, by the Crescent Lodge of that village.

The latest works by the best authors, including E. P. Rice, Frank R. Stockton, Lew Wallace and others, at the postoffice store.

School in the Collins district closed last week, with an exhibition and a spelling match at night, with Charley Redman as teacher.

Quite a large number of "tourists" are abroad at present and the demands for dimes and quarters numerous. "Turn the mess around."

"King Solomon's Mine," "Star" and "The Witches Head," by H. Rider Haggard, in pamphlet form for 25 cents at the Postoffice Store.

Look out for the arrival of the large and elegant selected stock of dry goods, boots and shoes and clothing at Pollasky Bros' Big Dry Store.

J. N. French got caught by a belt in the machine mill Wednesday, and soon after he fell from the top of the building and the hand.

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## THE AMENDMENT MEETING.

Last week a call signed by about 50 prominent citizens was printed in one of the Ithaca papers for a non-political and non-partisan convention of citizens of Gratiot county interested in the amendment prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

This meeting was called for Monday p.m. at Church's opera house, Ithaca, and its object was to organize each township in the county for active work and get the amendment prominently before the people between this and the April election, when said amendment is to be voted upon. Promptly at the appointed time the meeting was called to order and C. Coates, of St. Louis, made president and Eldridge Franklin, of North Star, secretary. The appointing of township committees was first attended to, it having been decided to appoint a committee of three in every township to look after the amendment interest, but only the chairman was appointed by the convention, the selection of the remainder of the committee being left to the chairman. The following gentlemen were elected chairmen for their respective townships:

Swille—Geo. W. Sanders.  
Pine River—J. W. Doane.  
Bathurst—C. J. Willott.  
Whitney—E. W. Breckenridge.  
Salmon—Samuel Story.  
Arcadia—James King.  
Eaton—Johnathan Giddley.  
Lafayette—C. C. Foster.  
New Haven—S. C. Robinson.  
Newark—Jno. N. Richards.  
North Star—E. Franklin.  
Hamilton—C. S. Betts.  
North Shade—Roman Fyler.  
Fallon—H. C. Gillette.  
Washington—Virgil Beeve.  
Eller—M. Bishop.  
Ithaca—Dr. G. L. Webster.

The chairman were instructed to hold meetings in every school district if possible, have speaking on the question, expound the amendment freely, and do all in their power to awaken interest. Remarks were made concerning the grand opportunity now at hand, something that has been watched and waited for and worked for and now that it is so near at hand every one was urged to carry it through. It was also decided to have a copy of the amendment printed and circulated throughout the county so that no one could urge as an excuse that he had not seen it, and did not know what it was.

A further committee composed of Alvan Whitton, Scott and Scattergood was appointed, and before the close of the meeting \$20 had been collected and put in safe care.

Rev. Bishop, of Ithaca, and J. W. Deane, of Pine River, were appointed a committee on resolutions and prepared the following:

Whereas, this convention recognizes the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage as the terrible curse of the age, therefore, resolved, that we will, without distinction of party, sex, or age, use all legitimate means to secure the adoption of the prohibitory amendment by the voters of Michigan at the coming election on the 4th of April, 1887.

The convention then adjourned and a short business meeting of the various committees was then held.

It will thus be seen that Gratiot county does not intend to sit idly by and see the amendment pulled through as best it can but proposes to push it for all it is worth and have the matter settled this spring. Despite the short notice given nearly every township was represented and about 150 people were in attendance, and considerable interest and enthusiasm was manifested.

As will be seen by an item elsewhere in this issue the Stutz Furniture store has been rented to parties contemplating starting an implement warehouse. This move of course necessitates the removal of the furniture stock and it has been decided to convert the opera house into a furniture room and connecting the same, by means of stairways with the dry goods department of W. S. & S's store. The stage will be removed and the scenery taken down in order to make room for the large stock carried by the Company and it is quite probable that the Alma Dramatic Club will give the last entertainment in the building March 16th. This will leave the town without an opera house, but negotiations are now pending, which, if successful, will give us an opera house on the ground. We are not at liberty to give the particulars concerning the proposed purchase, but can assure our readers that if all goes well the change will be a pleasant one for the play-goers.

A New Firm in Town.  
The Stutz Furniture store has been leased to Burton, Miller & Bro. of Grand Rapids, who will arrive here about April 1st and occupy the same with a complete stock of agricultural implements.

The members of the firm have been in the business for a number of years and thoroughly understand it in all its branches. They believe that there is an excellent field here and will do their best to work up a fine trade and please all customers.

An important change has occurred in the Alma Sanitarium this week and will be commemorated Saturday by the departure of Dr. A. B. Spinney for Ypsilanti, where he will take charge of the sanitarium at that place, which Dr. Morris Hale, of Ypsilanti, will be installed as manager of the Alma Sanitarium.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the excellent work done by Dr. Spinney in the last twelve months of his tenure. It was not until July and during the remainder of the season it was filled with guests until there was hardly an unoccupied room. And so it has been all winter. Guests and patients have been constantly coming and going and many have gone away with great ease to be thankful that they have been within its walls. Only two who have been in this institution have gone away and died, and those two were past help when they were brought here. A grand work has been done. Not only has this been made a popular institution but through it many precious lives have been saved. It would take too much space to enumerate the many notable things accomplished here, and we can only add that Dr. Spinney and his estimable wife will be long in the hearts of our people. They have no exception. Although they are saddened by this leave-taking they are pleased to know that it is to a pleasant field of labor they have been called and many are the good wishes following them.

Dr. Hale will arrive here Friday night by special car bringing several patients who desire to come with him, and Dr. Spinney and about 35 people will return with this special to Ypsilanti Saturday morning.

Dr. Hale is an old and experienced sanitarium man and an excellent physician and nothing will be left undone to make this institution still more popular. Let us all welcome him cordially and render all assistance that lies in our power, and hope that he may occupy as warm a place in the hearts of our citizens as his predecessor.

The Lansing Fair.  
On Wednesday the Detroit Free Press gave a full account of the Pine River-Arcadia fair which occurred Tuesday, and as its statements are all correct we here append the article. The fair is over but the matter is not ended yet. St. Louis wants to be prepared to hear something drop almost any day.

The bill to detach from the township of Pine River that portion of the village of Alma which is included in its limits, and attach the same to Arcadia, where the remainder of the town is located, came up as the special order this afternoon. The Alma people had shown to the Senate and House committee the existence of a despotism maintained over them by the paramount influence of the village of St. Louis, the assessment rolls bearing out fully the allegations of injustice. Thinking that free Americans ought not to be subjected to so galling a yoke, the Senate almost unanimously passed the bill, and the House committee with one voice recommended its passage. It was in a fair way to do so last Thursday when the House good naturedly yielded to the wishes of Representative Wood, of Gratiot, and postponed action until today.

The result shows how the personal solicitation of a member will array on his side a majority against which it is vain to appeal for constitutional rights and justice—all considerations yielding to the wish to oblige a fellow member. His cause being desperate, Representative Wood was advised to make a personal canvass and secure pledges, and he did it with wonderful success. At his request one after another of the members agreed to vote as he wished, until a majority of the house stood with him, imperious being reasoning that could be advanced by the other side. So absolute a surrender has not been met with before.

It was expected that the question would be discussed and Mr. Ramsey, of Ingham, had prepared a complete statement of the situation and the reason for the bill, being fortified by a mass of figures, which showed that the liberty of the citizens and the doctrine of home rule depended upon its passage. There was no debate, the whole affair was disposed of in fifteen minutes.

W. Robinson, of Midland, suggested a slight amendment, which was agreed to and the bill was put upon its final passage. There was a momentary pause for debate, the friends of the bill were already waiting for Mr. Wood to make his assault. He had no assent to make being amply prepared to gain his point by tactics of another sort. Before Ramsey could take the floor and say "Mr. Speaker, the Clerk had shouted "Mr. Abbott," the first name on the roll. "It's too late now to debate," said the Clerk, and Ramsey sat down, accepting the remark as a finality, though the votes were taken as follows: Yeas, 10; Nays, 22.

Ramsey changed his vote and moved a reconsideration on the table. Chapman's motion prevailed, and thus the bill was placed beyond recall. Ramsey was asked if he was not outrageous. He answered "Did you see Clerk Cross? He called the first name before he had the roll in his hand; how can it be helped if such ladies shut you out?"

Mr. Wood said: "The Alma people had a lot of outsiders here, people from Saginaw and Midland and Col. Sanford and ex-representative Dodge of Lansing. I simply turned their own lobby against them. If every man worked hard to defeat a bill I'm the man. The only help I had from outside was Dr. Stiles Kennedy, of St. Louis, who has been here a few days."

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Alma Church Notes.  
CONGREGATIONAL.  
Free pens and a free gospel are pleasing things but it is painful that so few take to either.  
Some good church people are like canaries that sing very nicely when caged in the house but lose their song when they get into the street.  
A merely Sabbath religion should not be stored, it will not keep.  
Four people should not neglect to attend church because of coarse garments. Those who attend church for real worship will not concern themselves about them, and those who are not true worshippers will rather give their attention to the gaily clothed. There is moreover too often a parade of poverty as well as of wealth. The house of God is no place to make a parade of clothing, whether rich or poor. We go there to present ourselves to God not to each other.

Glad Tidings.  
Photographs—One dozen for \$2.00 at E. W. Lyon's.  
Go to G. B. Porter's and see new patterns in his piers.  
Call and see new style ladies' collar buttons with chain and pin at Porter's.  
Money to loan in sums of \$200 to \$5,000. Time, 2 to 5 years on good real estate security. MARCUS POLLASKY.  
Marcus Pollasky has a number of choice residence lots for sale on easy terms.  
All goods bought of P. & Son are guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded.  
All kinds of work in my line done with neatness and dispatch.  
E. W. LYON'S Photographs.

For fine perfumes and pure drugs, go to Miller's Central Drug Store. New lot just received.  
Call at P. & Son and examine our line of silver plated ware and checks before purchasing elsewhere.  
Go to P. & Son for fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing.  
Volin, guitar and banjo strings at G. B. Porter's.  
Payson & Son have the finest line of jewelry in the city at greatly reduced prices.  
You will find rare bargains in boots, shoes and rubbers at E. L. STARKE'S and Miller & Co's Central Drug Store for \$2.00 at Lyon's, Alma, Mich.

A gold-filled watch, warranted to run ten years, with Elgin stem-wind and Pendant set movement, for \$15 at G. B. Porter's.  
Buy wall paper, paints and murelone at Miller & Co's Central Drug Store. No old stock; all new goods, no trouble to show up or give prices.

47. B. Porter carries a line of musical instruments, violins, flutes, flutes, accordions, month organs, etc.  
We handle the best rubber boots in the market, and prices always the lowest.  
E. L. STARKE'S.  
Full line of the Goodyear Glove Rubber for ladies, Misses and children at E. L. STARKE'S.  
The most complete line of ladies' kid button shoes of both hand and machine sewed shoes ever shown in Alma, are at E. L. STARKE'S.  
If you want a good Sewing Machine buy the New Improved Singer with oscillating shuttle. \$34 by  
J. F. TOMPSON.

I have under my control some choice farms and farming lands that I shall offer for sale during the next 6 months at prices that defy competition.  
BERRY WOODWARD,  
Alma, Mich.

WANTED.  
One million feet of White, Red and Swamp Oak and 500,000 feet of Basswood Logs. Highest market price in cash will be paid.  
WRIGHT & LEMSEN.

FOR SALE.—A first-class Singer sewing machine that has never been used but little. Cost \$25 and will sell same for \$25, cash. It is as good as new and is warranted to do first-class work. Inquire at this office.

E. L. Starke's mammoth stock of goods, consisting of the most complete line of Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Valises, etc., ever seen in Alma, has arrived. Call and see the large line of Mens' Suits from \$7 to \$18; Youth's, from \$2 to \$12; Boys' Suits from \$1.50 to \$10; Child's Suits from \$1.25 to \$8.

White shirts, colored shirts, working shirts, cotton pants, overalls, collars, cuffs, neckties in all the latest shapes, and handkerchiefs. The finest line of underwear in the county. Hats of every description. It would take all summer to give a complete list of our line of furnishing goods. Come and be convinced we advertise only what we can show our constantly increasing trade is ample proof of our square dealing. Come early and we will make you happy.

In Boots and Shoes our stock is large and varied. We are showing all the latest styles in Ladies, Misses and children's shoes at prices that defy competition. While our assortment in men's, boys' and youth's button, lace, buckle and congress shoes at from \$1. to \$5, per pair.

We sell the best toe slippers in Alma for the low price of \$1. Don't buy a dollar's worth of goods in any of the above lines until you have priced our goods, then buy where you can buy the cheapest.  
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