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Clerk—L. Delos Burch  
Treasurer—Geo. W. Snyder  
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County Surveyor—D. C. Crawford  
County Drain Commissioner—F. A. Palmer  
Circuit Court Commissioner—Henry Horzigan  
Commissioner of Schools—Elmer B. Hale

### CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor—W. F. Bricker  
Clerk—C. R. Cowdin  
Treasurer—W. D. Day  
Marshal—W. W. Mitchell  
City Attorney—G. S. Rosevelt  
Justices of the Peace—E. B. Lapham, W. J. Wilson.  
Aldermen—First ward, J. A. Spencer, Chas. Harmon; Second ward, M. E. Peck, E. W. Jersey; Third ward, T. F. Ireland, E. Hunt.  
Supervisors—First ward, Chas. Eddy; Second ward, J. T. Angell; Third ward, W. A. Wilder.

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## THE WINNERS NAMED.

### Maj. E. C. Watkins Heads the Republican Ticket for Mayor.

#### NOW LET'S MAKE IT A CLEAN SWEEP.

The City and Ward Caucuses are characterized by Harmony and Good Feeling—There is no Reason Why Every Man Should Not be Elected if Republicans Do Their Duty.

#### REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Mayor—Erwin C. Watkins.  
Clerk—Chas. R. Cowdin.  
Treasurer—Will D. Day.  
School Inspector—Robt. McLaughlin.



THE Republican city convention Monday night, was very largely attended and marked with a degree of harmony and good nature seldom seen at a political gathering for the purpose of nominating candidates for important offices. Usually there is friction in the contest, leaving a soreness hard for defeated candidates to overcome; but there was nothing of this sort engendered and the best of feeling prevailed.

Chairman of the city committee, Chas. M. Wise, called the convention to order, stated its object and called for the election of a secretary. Chas. R. Cowdin was on motion elected, and Elmer E. Fales was made chairman, who appointed Fred King and W. A. Wilder tellers.

An informal ballot was taken for mayor, resulting: E. C. Watkins, 59, E. B. Lapham, 6, E. L. Wright, 5, C. M. Wise, 4, W. B. Reed, 4, Wood Jackson, 3, C. E. Hills, 2, scattering, 10. A formal ballot was ordered but before it could be taken, the sentiment manifested seemed to be so unanimous for Mr. Watkins that the ballot was declared formal and his nomination by acclamation made. He was called to the platform and made a short speech of acceptance, which he said was certainly a great surprise to him and an honor which any man should appreciate; it had come to him entirely unthought and if elected, would endeavor to give to the office his best efforts in serving the public. Economy was the watchword. Money was high priced and hard to get and commodities and labor was cheap. He favored an economical use of the public monies. His speech was loudly applauded.

The informal ballot for clerk resulted: Chas. R. Cowdin, 125, Frank Van Pelt, 25, scattering, 7. It was declared formal and Mr. Cowdin made the unanimous choice of the convention.

The nomination for the office of treasurer was given to Will Day by acclamation, as was also that of school inspector to Robert McLaughlin.

After the election of C. M. Wise chairman of the city committee, the following resolution was introduced by Alderman M. E. Peck:

Resolved, That we recognize in Hon. Hazen S. Pingree, an enemy alike to trusts, monopolies and political rings, and an executive of more than ordinary ability; and we urge our delegates to the county convention to use all honorable means to secure the election of delegates to the state convention, who will favor the nomination of Mayor Pingree for governor of the state.

The moving of its adoption by Mr. Peck brought out a little discussion pro and con. Fred King, who stated he was a strong Pingree man, objected to the resolution as being untimely, arguing that something might intervene before the state convention, to change sentiment and considered it unwise to place themselves on record. D. E. Wilson thought that Pingree democrats, who were in the room, should not be allowed to vote on the resolution.

A. L. Spencer took the platform and favored an expression, but that it be done by a division of the house. After a few remarks by E. B. Lapham, the motion made by someone for a division of the house was put and the sentiment seemed to be so overwhelming that Chairman Fales, amid rounds of applause, asked if the Pingree men wanted the earth.

A motion to adjourn then carried and the convention separated to go into ward caucuses.

#### FIRST WARD.

Chairman, John W. Moore; secretary, W. J. Hills; tellers, A. Morse and Chas. Brown.  
Supervisor—Chas. Eddy.  
Alderman—John W. Moore.  
Constable—August Belcher.  
Inspector of Election—E. L. Sagendorph, Waldo Francisco.  
On the ballot Mr. Eddy received 32 votes and W. J. Hills, 18.  
John W. Moore, 35, J. A. Spencer, 18, and A. Morse, 11.

#### SECOND WARD.

Chairman, D. E. Wilson; clerk, M. E. Peck; tellers, Geo. F. Smith, Will H. Peck.  
Supervisor—J. T. Angell.  
Alderman—A. M. Glass.  
Constable—W. H. Peck.  
Inspector of Election—Eugene Moulton, Geo. N. Foster.  
On the ballot for supervisor, J. T. Angell received 56 votes, C. B. Colburn, 4.  
For Alderman, A. M. Glass, 38; Jas. Avery, 21.  
Ward committee—E. E. Whitford, F. E. King, E. E. Chapple.  
Delegates—E. C. Watkins, Z. W. Gooding, M. A. Filkins.

#### THIRD WARD.

Chairman, E. E. Fales; secretary, Fred Smith; tellers, F. R. Unger, G. D. Weter.  
Supervisor—W. A. Wilder.  
Alderman—Henry A. Smith.  
Constable—Walter Mouch.  
Inspector of Election—Silas Cobb, Fred Smith.  
On ballot for supervisor, W. A. Wilder received 32 votes, H. H. Gooding, 3, J. Lehman, 2.  
For Alderman, H. A. Smith, 18, Geo. Crippen, 13, B. C. Curtis, 6, R. Robinson, 3, scattering, 8. Mr. Crippen withdrew his name and the ballot was declared formal for Smith.  
Ward committee—G. D. Weter.  
Delegates—C. M. Wise, F. A. Washburn, F. N. Holmes.

#### MR. WATKINS INTERVIEWED.

Having heard that a report had gained currency that a misconception had been put upon a few words in Maj. E. C. Watkins' speech made in accepting the nomination for mayor, relating to wages and that it was being used against him by people who are always ready to misinterpret for a purpose, a BANNER reporter called at his office in the Belding Cigar factory and propounded the following question: In your remarks when nominated for mayor you referred to money being expensive and commodities and labor being cheap. Some have interpreted this to mean that if elected you would favor cutting down the pay of laborers employed by the city?

"Not at all! I said, what all know, that money is high priced and hard to get, while commodities and labor are cheap, and favored an economical use of the public monies. I had in mind the large number of men in our city who are entirely dependent on their own labor, who pay taxes, many upon houses and lots, but partly paid for and who are trying to make monthly or yearly payments on them. The money for taxes, payments, and the support of family must all be earned by hard labor. To such high taxes are a grievous burden and any useless waste of money thus procured, a crime."

I had no thought or reference to the comparatively few men who are employed by the city. Heaven knows laborers get little enough."

#### Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The Young Peoples' Societies and the members of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a union service at the Y. W. C. A. rooms Easter morning at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Gospel service at the rooms Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Topic, "On Guard." Miss Clara Graham will lead. Come and bring a friend.  
Every member of the board is requested to be at the board meeting at 7:30 sharp, Monday evening April 8th. Consider this an important duty and attend. Reports that will be of interest to you will be given.

#### Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all female complaints, exerting a wonderfully direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, or are nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with dizzy spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 bottles at Holmes & Connell's drug store. (3)

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Burns are absolutely painless when De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is promptly applied. This statement is true. A perfect remedy for skin diseases, chapped hands and lips, and never fails to cure Piles. Sold by W. L. Benedict & Co.

#### SEED BEANS

To farmers of Ionia County: I will let seed beans sufficient to plant about 500 acres of the Pea Bean variety to responsible farmers, to wit: Seed furnished, whole crop to be delivered at Orleans on or before the 15th of October next, and will pay 75cts. per bushel for same when delivered after seed has been taken out. Crop to be in good condition for seed purposes.  
W. H. GREENELL.  
A. J. HALE, Agent.

## 15 YEARS AT JACKSON.

#### William Trowbridge Given The Full Limit of The Law.

When Wm. Trowbridge of Belding was brought into court for sentence, he having pleaded guilty to the horrible crime of incest with his daughter, the court room was crowded. When Judge Davis ordered the man before the bar and asked him what he had to say before sentence was passed, the only reply he made was that he would like to serve time at the Ionia prison. His request, however, was not granted, and he will spend the next 15 years in Jackson prison.

Before passing sentence Judge Davis said the crime was the most heinous that man could commit. He gave Trowbridge a severe scolding and said he was not only a disgrace to the community but to any family, and he was only sorry that the sentence could not be longer, as the law was to limited for so loathsome a crime. He thereupon sentenced the man to 15 years hard labor in the state prison at Jackson, the full limit of the law. Trowbridge was then taken back to jail and he did not have a word to say.—Ionia Sentinel.

#### PIONEERS GONE.

Horace Luscombe, a pioneer of Otisco, died at his home at Frank Luscombe's his son, west of the city, Tuesday, at 3:30 p. m., aged 93 years. He settled in the township of Otisco 54 years ago. The funeral services will be held at the deceased's old home, Friday, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Another pioneer in the person of Lydia C. Kimberly died Tuesday, March 21st, at her home in this city. Her age was 74 years 1 month and 15 days. Her maiden name was Goodale, and was born in Amherst, Mass. She came to Michigan in early life and married Silas Kimberly Nov. 19th 1840. Two years later they moved to Otisco, and after her husband's death she moved to this city. Her daughters Hattie M. Denny of Chicago, Mrs. E. H. Mudge of Ionia, and W. H. Chapman of Otisco survive her, also Clayton Kimberly a son, and Gerald Kimberly a nephew, who has made it his home with her since boyhood. The funeral was held Friday forenoon at the Congregational church conducted by Rev. Manger the pastor.

#### OTISCO REPUBLICAN TICKET.

There will be but one ticket in the field in Otisco at the coming election, the democrats having failed to make a nomination.  
Supervisor—Frank L. Moon.  
Clerk—W. L. Reeves.  
Treasurer—Chas. E. Brink.  
Justice of the Peace—Chas. Dumun.  
Highway Commissioner—Geo. W. Purdy.  
Members Board of Review (Full Term) M. S. Boss.  
Members Board of Review (Vacancy)—R. G. Glickering.  
School Inspector—Hanson Abbey.  
Constables—A. L. Russell, Wm. Skellenger, Dennis Skellenger and A. J. Moon.  
Delegates to County Convention—J. D. Morse, Frank R. Chase, W. L. Reeves, R. F. Towne, Wm. Gardner and John Krupp.

Claude Pelfer who operated a rip saw at the Crescent factory, met with a serious accident this morning. He ran his left hand against the saw but can hardly tell how it was done. The first he realized what had happened he saw the severed thumb lying on the machine table end and jerked his hand away. The first finger was found to be nearly severed also, and it is doubtful whether it can be saved. It is considered a wonder that he did not lose all the fingers. Dr. Griswold attended him at the Brackett House and made him as easy as possible.—Big Rapids Bulletin. Claude arrived home Thursday night and is being attended by Dr. Ferguson who says the finger will be saved.

#### Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by lagrippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at Holmes & Connell's drug store. 3

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A little ill, then a little pill. The ill is gone the pill has won. De Witt's Little Early Risers the little pills that cure great ills, At W. L. Benedict & Co's.

## Some Say

THESE ARE DULL DAYS.

We will not have it so; and in order to make it lively and interesting will sell a large line of

### Dress Goods

at less than half price. Look at the Bargains in the window.

## H. J. Leonard.

## "THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT"

Is Ended and now the time of Garden Seeds is here, and so are with a full line of Package Seeds and also seeds. We handle Ferry's and seeds in Packages, and Ferry's in Bulk the best seeds put out.

We handle Patent Sprays the best on earth.

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## A Talk on Wall Paper!

The glad Spring time is at hand, and with it come that delightful work of cleaning house; then comes papering and painting, it is absolutely necessary and you must face the inevitable. Before you do either call at our store for we wish to see you about Wall Paper, Paint, etc. You may not know it, but it is fact nevertheless that Holmes & Connell carries a larger stock of Wall Paper than any other concern in Ionia or Montcalm counties. This is no idle boast but facts. We have constantly on hand more than twenty thousand rolls of Wall Paper. Just think of it, enough Wall Paper when stretched out to reach more than twenty miles. We have just completed our Sample Books and find we have a lot of remnants which we will sell at 5c a double roll, enough to paper a small room. Do not buy of agents with samples as they have no use for extra paper left over, but will waste or destroy it. WE WILL TAKE BACK EVERY ROLL YOU DO NOT USE. This year we have the nicest line of cheap papers, as well as the best, from 5c, 10c to \$1.00 a roll, from the leading manufacturers. Remember this, if you buy one single roll of Wall Paper this spring without getting our prices first you will miss it.

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