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Mayor..... W. F. Bricker
Clerk..... C. R. Cowdin
Treasurer..... W. D. Day
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City Attorney..... G. S. Rosevelt
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MAYOR BRICKER

He will Continue to be so Addressed For Another Year.

SPLIT BALLOTS WERE FASHIONABLE

Republicans Elect All But Mayor, One Supervisor and One Alderman.

For the Fourth Time in Succession the Republican City of Belding Elects a Democratic Mayor.

A Slight Increase in the Number of Votes Polled Over Last Year—Large Number of New Names Registered and Old Ones Removed.

The battle of ballots Monday was a very quiet one and the little pieces of paper, which execute the freeman's will fell silently in the boxes at the several polling places: The total vote polled was 654; forty-three more than were cast one year ago. Registrations in the first ward were 60 new names and 39 were stricken from the list. In the second ward 63 new ones were registered and 60 were stricken off. In the third ward 80 registered and 116 were stricken off. The contest was mainly on the head of the ticket and to that point was democratic effort directed. The result shows how well it was directed and it also reveals a remarkable weakening in the backbone of a whole lot of republicans, who were led into the dangerous situation of splitting their ticket.

Lewis H. Stone the lone democratic supervisor elect, is a stayer. His persistence in running for office has finally been rewarded. Like the democratic party, which suffered defeat continually for twenty-five or thirty years but bobbed up serenely every campaign, Lew has been in line and accepted nominations which were thrust upon him only to be wrecked on the shoals of the rough and rocky ride through the ballot box. One can not help admiring his stick-to-it-iveness. His conduct of the office may be as much of a surprise to his constituency as was his election.

From present indications it will certainly require one of Edison's most powerful X rays to discover the republican who can be elected mayor of this city.

The whole number of straight tickets voted were Republican 211, Democratic 150, divided in the different wards as follows: First ward Republican 75, Democratic 47; second ward Republican 74, Democratic 40; third ward Republican 62, Democratic 43.

The result was as follows:

CITY TICKET.

For Mayor—
Erwin C. Watkins 297
Willis F. Bricker 357-60
For Clerk—
Charles R. Cowdin 383-122
W. Lee Cusser 261
For Treasurer—
William D. Day 408-174
Harry A. Lamb 234
For School Inspector—
Robert McLaughlin 399-156
John Bond, Jr. 243

FIRST WARD.

Mayor—
Erwin C. Watkins 94
Willis F. Bricker 96-2
Clerk—
Charles R. Cowdin 118-47
W. Lee Cusser 71
Treasurer—
William D. Day 123-56
Harry A. Lamb 67
School Inspector—
Robert McLaughlin 123-57
John Bond, Jr. 66
Supervisor—
Charles Eddy 116-43
Frederick L. Spencer 73
Alderman—
John W. Moore 120-53
Charles C. Wright 67
Constable—
August Belser 118-48
Joseph P. Martin 70
School Inspectors—
Waldo Francisco 121-56
Edward L. Sagenndorf 120-53
Walter I. Wood 65
Orrin Briggs 67

SECOND WARD.

Mayor—
Erwin C. Watkins 103
Willis F. Bricker 114-11
Clerk—
Charles R. Cowdin 140-69
W. Lee Cusser 71
Treasurer—
William D. Day 150-90
Harry A. Lamb 60
School Inspector—
Robert McLaughlin 140-72
John Bond, Jr. 68
Supervisor—
Joseph T. Angell 150-91
Louis L. Holmes 59

ALDERMAN—

Albert M. Glass 129-45
William Clarke 84
Constable—
William H. Peck 138-64
Edwin Riker 74
Election Inspectors—
Eugene Moulton 138-68
George N. Foster 140-69
Andrew L. Johnson 70
George E. Divine 71

THIRD WARD.

Mayor—
Erwin C. Watkins 100
Willis F. Bricker 147-47
Clerk—
Charles R. Cowdin 125-6
W. Lee Cusser 119
Treasurer—
William D. Day 135-28
Harry A. Lamb 107
School Inspector—
Robert McLaughlin 136-27
John Bond, Jr. 109
Supervisor—
William A. Wilder 120
Lewis H. Stone 124-4
Alderman—
Henry A. Smith 116
Alfred R. Locke 128-12
Constable—
Walter G. Mench 133-20
George Madden 113
Election Inspectors—
Silas Cobb 132-20
Frederick P. Smith 132-21
Frank T. Connell 112
Frederick McCue 111

OBITUARY.

"How wonderful is death! Death and his brother, Sleep."

Horace Luscombe was born November 25th, 1802, at old Taunton, Mass., and departed this life March 31st, 1896, at the home of his youngest son, F. R. Luscombe.

He grew up like the giant oak that spreads forth its strong branches and defies the fierceness of the gale. Strong and vigorous in constitution, magnificent in physical strength, full of the vim and vigor of life, he followed the uneven pathway among flowers and thorns through all its varied meanderings, noble, manly and courageous, until he reached the shore of the dark river where, with a countenance of tranquil submission he laid down his burden and passed calmly and serenely to the farther shore.

When he was young his father moved to Buckland, then to Ashfield, and afterwards to Hawley in Franklin Co., Mass. Here he was united in marriage to Eliza Belding of Ashfield, the 29th day of May, 1830. Eleven children were born to them, of whom seven are now living—five sons and two daughters.

In April 1842 they set out on their tedious journey to Michigan. All their worldly possessions were loaded in one wagon, drawn only by a pair of oxen. After many discouragements and disasters they at last arrived in Otisco, with their six small children. They settled in the wilderness, built them a hut of logs, and went to work. Honesty and generosity, courage and endurance, imbedded deep in the sublime principles of the Golden rule, were the corner stones of his existence, and upon that foundation he built the temple of his life's work. For ninety-three years he was spared to this world, and then he left not a wilderness but a garden.

His wife passed peacefully away July 30th, 1883, and for thirteen years she mourned her loss, and treaded the uncertain pathway of life alone. But now his voice is forever stilled in the tranquil slumber of everlasting rest, and yet he lives. His thoughts and words and deeds will never die. To us he has bequeathed the greatest legacy that man can bestow—the example of a noble life. But he lives again, for those who witnessed the peaceful sleep that fell upon him and gently wooed him to rest, will never doubt that death to him was but the opening of the golden gates of everlasting joy.

The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Golden and McConnell at the old homestead, Friday at 10 o'clock. The text was from Psalm 48:14. The music furnished by the Otisco choir was very appropriate. The casket was strewn with beautiful floral tributes and many relatives and friends accompanied his remains to their last resting place.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill st., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial bottles free at Holmes & Conner, a drug store. 4

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THE ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

A Grand Gathering—Ionia Entertained The Workers Royally.

The three days convention of the State Christian Endeavor Societies held in Ionia last week came to a close Friday night. Associations from all quarters of Michigan were represented by delegates numbering 1124 while many more who came not as delegates but in the interest of the work swelled the number to nearly 2000. Ionia is characteristic for its hospitality and in this instance out-did any previous effort in the line of entertainment.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches were used Wednesday night in opening the convention, each of which were beautifully decorated, President of the local union C. D. Ransom in his welcome address said:

This convention means a great deal to the state of Michigan. It means that the christian zeal and earnestness of 60,000 young people will be intensified. It means that the concentrated effort of these consecrated men and women will send out an influence, the power of which shall be felt in moulding the character of many young people all over the state. No one knows how many young lives will be led to think better thoughts, to speak kinder words and be prompted to nobler deeds on account of what may be said or done at this convention; if this is so, the hard work and anxious months of preparation for it should be thought of only as a great pleasure and a great privilege. It is such scenes as this that mark the onward growth and progress of all that is good and great, and Ionia is proud to-night that she is the "Convention City" of '96.

The address of welcome was responded to by Rev. G. P. Coler of Ann Arbor. The program as printed was carried out to the letter and much effective work was crowded into the three days session, guest interest centered in the annual address of President Strong and also the address of Dr. Clark, founder of the movement and National President of the Unions. Overflow meetings, were held in all the churches so great was the attendance. There are nearly 70,000 C. E.'s in Michigan. In answer to the question "What is God's design for the Christian Endeavor movement?" Dr. Clark said: "There are many answers that might be given, all of which would be true but all of which would be partial. Is it God's design through the Christian Endeavor to make better citizens, to inspire respect for temperance and Sabbath keeping and righteousness of all kinds? Yes, undoubtedly, emphatically yes.

The following officers were unanimously elected by the convention: President, W. H. Strong of Detroit; vice president Rev. J. M. Fulton of Grand Rapids; secretary, Miss Flora B. Roberts of Lapeer; treasurer, H. O. Fanning of Grand Rapids, junior superintendent, Miss Mable Bates of Traverse City; missionary superintendent, B. R. Hoobler of Traverse City; The next convention will be held at Jackson.

OTISCO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The following is the program of the Otisco Teachers' Association to be held at Belding High School, April 11th: MORNING SESSION, 9:30 A. M.
Music.....
Language and composition in the country school.....Miss Laura McConnell
Discussion.....Miss C. Louise Mooney, Smyrna
Spelling contests.....E. A. Haynor, Otisco
Reading exercise.....Miss Jessie Allen, Belding
Music.....
How to make History and Civil Government interesting.....Robt. P. McLaughlin, Belding
AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.
Music.....
Educational fads.....Prof. R. S. Campbell, Saranac
Needs of the country schools.....
.....Frank Robinson, Orleans
Discussion.....Com. E. B. Hale
Elementary Science, Miss Jessie Baker, Belding
Discussion.....C. L. Bemis, Ionia
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