

THE BELDING BANNER

BY COWDIN & LAPHAM.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1898.

A dispatch to the Grand Rapids Herald from Ionia says: The effort to defeat Mr. Burrows for re-election as United States senator has cropped out here in a new way. The Pingree men are seeking to control county patronage in a way to influence votes in the legislature. Joseph A. Locher, representative from the second district of this county, is undeclared in the matter of senatorship. The Pingreeites are using the temptation of county positions, hoping thereby to commit the representative to Albert Pack. The trap is nicely baited, but it will not succeed, Mr. Locher being a man of strict probity. The sentiment of the Republicans of this county is very largely for Burrows. No one knows Albert Pack or considers him for the position of senator. The speech Senator Burrows delivered here last October confirmed everybody in his favor, brought over several, who, previous to the meeting, were not favorable to Burrows. The mass of the Republican party in this county is strongly for Burrows.

The house of representatives has passed the anti-ticket scalping bill by a vote of 119 to 101. This action is the culmination of a ten years' struggle on the part of the railroads to put an end to the business of ticket scalping. The railroad companies are greatly annoyed and defrauded by these concerns and they should have protection.

The Supreme court in a unanimous opinion handed down Tuesday in the case of the Attorney General vs. the American Express company, decided that the express companies should buy and affix the stamp on express packages, as ordered by the war revenue law.

YOU CAN TELL BY THE RING

An honest dollar from a counterfeit. A cracked bell makes a noise, but does not peel out the harmony of perfection. The brass-band methods and big word announcements that are raising such a din now-a-days cannot drown the plain statements of facts that our honest stock and prices make possible. Its an easy matter for us to win in any comparison that's made, because we offer nothing that isn't reliable and everything that is. We challenge prices as low as ours for like qualities.

Diamond Gifts—Sparkling stones, pure white and perfect, mounted to your order. Diamond values guaranteed. Money refunded any time within a year if dissatisfied. \$3.00 to \$25.

Silverware Gifts—Immense variety, three ordinary stocks in one. Shaving sets, crumb trays, servers, baking dishes, five o'clock tea kettles, soup tureens, children's cups, moustache cups, cake and bread dishes, cracker jugs, tea sets, etc.

Gorham Sterling Silver—Finest in the world. Knives, forks and spoons. \$7.00 values, \$5.00; \$6.00 values, \$4.00.

Sterling Silver Novelties—50 cent values, 16 cents; 75 cent values, 55 cents; \$1.00 values, 60 cents.

Fancy Mantel Clocks—\$8.00 values, \$5.00; \$4.00 values, \$2.75.

Salt and Pepper Shakers—Sterling silver tops; 50 cent values, 16 cents; 75 cent values, 25 cents.

Rogers Bros.' Knives and Forks—\$3.00 values, \$2.40.

Fountain Pens—14k solid gold pens; \$1.50 values, 65 cents.

Cameras—\$2.00 values, 62 cents; \$12.00 film cameras, \$9.00; \$8.00 values, \$6.00.

Convincing prices on hundreds of Christmas gifts, space does not permit the mention.

A. G. BEDFORD, Ionia.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Grotton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Fisk Bangs' and Connell Bros.' drug stores. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

SPECIAL TRAIN EXCURSIONS TO MEXICO JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

On January 24th and February 27th, 1899, special train excursions under the management of the American Tourist Association will leave Chicago for tours through Mexico. Tourists contemplating a trip this winter will do well to consider the delightful experiences to be enjoyed on such an excursion as this. Full information furnished by agents of the C. & W. M. or D. G. R. & W. Rys. or by Geo. DeHaven, General Passenger Agent, Grand Rapids.

Consumption Cure—Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time. 25 and 50 cents.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by Fisk Bangs, druggist.

The Crown & Kingsbury pianos and Chicago Cottage organs go at the mortgage sale of Chas. D. Stebbins, Ionia.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. The same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Fisk Bangs, druggist.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BEELDING, December 5, 1898. Meeting called to order by Mayor Spencer. Roll call: Present Mayor Spencer; Aldermen Morse, Hudson, Avery, Glass, Curtis, Page. Minutes of last meeting were approved. The city treasurer's report was read and approved.

Monthly statement of the treasurer of the city of Belding for the month of November 1898. Balance on last statement \$ 1732 50 Money received con. fund 180 00 street fund 3 00 fire fund 1 00 library fund 16 90

Moneys paid con. fund \$ 276 76 street fund 37 80 fire fund 145 00 library fund 142 84 Balance \$ 1882 40 \$ 1882 40

Balance in con. fund \$ 136 98 street fund 39 02 fire fund 2 44 soldiers' relief fund 5 54 library fund 26 90 sinking fund 1181 90 Bal. in treas. Dec. 1, 1898 \$ 1422 84 \$ 1422 84

W. L. CUSSEY, City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Avery seconded by Ald. Curtis the following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

CONTINGENT FUND.

Thos. Cannon, rent of dumping grounds, \$ 5 00 P. P. Smith, postage, 6 28 H. L. Page, election supplies, 3 42

STREET FUND.

N. Lapham, labor on street, M. Reidenberger, 2 32 Thos. Cannon, crusher supplies, 19 08 H. L. Page, street supplies, 6 79

The clerk read his report from the answers to the circular letters sent to various towns in regard to street lighting.

On motion of Ald. Page seconded by Ald. Hudson the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we advertise for sealed bids for electric street lighting in accordance with the instructions of the vote of the electors of the city of Belding, Ionia county, Michigan, at the general election held in said city on Tuesday the 8th day of November A. D. 1898, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Yeas Morse, Hudson, Avery, Glass, Curtis, Page—6.

On motion of Ald. Page seconded by Ald. Curtis the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we adopt and approve the arc light system and that we at this time advertise for the erection of twenty arc lights 50 volts, 10 amperes and two thousand candle power.

Yeas Morse, Hudson, Avery, Glass, Curtis, Page—6.

On motion of Ald. Curtis seconded by Ald. Page the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the city clerk be instructed to advertise to receive sealed proposals up to and including the 13th day of December A. D. 1898, until six o'clock p. m., for the erecting and maintaining of a street lighting system, said proposal to embrace the following proposition and contract to run for five years from January 1, A. D. 1899, and in connection with said contract the city clerk is to grant a franchise to whom the contract is awarded the right to erect and maintain poles, towers, wiring, etc., for a general and complete electric light system. And the acceptance of any bids to be contingent upon the acceptance by the contractor of the franchise with the schedule of maximum rates therein pertaining to commercial, dwelling house and out-building lights.

PROPOSITION.

For the erection and maintaining and keeping up all renewals and in good working order satisfactory to the city council or such persons as they select of a system of poles, towers, lamps, wiring and furnishing suitable power to operate twenty arc electric light systems. And the acceptance of any bids to be contingent upon the acceptance by the contractor of the franchise with the schedule of maximum rates therein pertaining to commercial, dwelling house and out-building lights.

Yeas Morse, Hudson, Avery, Glass, Curtis, Page—6.

On motion of Ald. Page seconded by Ald. Hudson the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we adopt and approve of the specifications as drafted and corrected by the city attorney and that said specifications be filed in the office of the city clerk where all bidders can examine the same.

Yeas Morse, Hudson, Avery, Glass, Curtis, Page—6.

On motion council adjourned.

F. P. SMITH, City Clerk.

Obituary.

Mrs. H. LaDow had a stroke of paralysis Monday.

Edna Brown returned to her home near Fishville Saturday.

Mrs. Stevens is improving as fast as can be expected. She is able to do some sewing.

Will Davis is in this vicinity. He talks of moving into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Fallet.

Benjamin Hall returned home Wednesday from the north where he went hunting. Their party got one deer.

All had a good time at the chicken pie social at Albert Brown's last Friday evening. Proceeds \$6.25. One young lady came very near breaking her neck by going in the wrong door and nearly stepping down cellar. She was caught by a board that happened to lay across the cellar-way so she did not receive any serious injuries.

There will be a gramophone entertainment at the Chitille schoolhouse Tuesday evening, Dec. 13. Admission ten cents; children ten years of age and under free. One-half of the proceeds to go to the Sunday school.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are truly thankful for the kind and generous expressions of sympathy and love extended to us by neighbors and friends through our sudden great trial and bereavement. We especially thank all for the beautiful flowers and floral designs sent in respect to the memory of our dear one.

WM. HUTCHISON AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS.

During the recent sickness and death of my husband, neighbors and friends have kindly assisted me. I desire through these columns to express my gratitude to all for their help and sympathy.

MRS. MELINDA PETERSON.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Alken S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by Connell Bros. and Fisk Bangs, druggists.

CANADIAN HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

On December 16, 17 and 18, C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. Rys. agents will sell tickets to nearly all points in Canada at one way fare for round trip. Return limit January 7. Ask agents for particulars.

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GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

J. T. Webber, the Ionia clothier, is having a special sale for the balance of this month. If any of our readers need anything in his line it will pay them well to take advantage of the extreme low prices that Mr. Webber has made on his merchandise.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous head aches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Connell Bros. and Fisk Bangs, druggists.

Why pay 25 cents for solid silver thimbles when you can get one at Ricaby's for 10 cents.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BELDING SAVINGS BANK

at Belding Michigan, at the close of business Dec. 1, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$61,656 88 Stocks, bonds and mortgages 7,793 6 Overdrafts 152 6 Banking house 7,875 6 Furniture and fixtures 1,550 0 Other Real Estate 4,795 4 Due from banks in reserve cities 7,549 6 Due from other banks and bankers 2,931 2 Checks and cash items 298 6 Nickels and cents 2,276 04 Gold coin 1,399 38 Silver coin 5,633 06 U. S. and National Bank Notes 101,989 46

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$25,000 00 Surplus fund 5,000 00 Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 1,634 39 Commercial deposits subject to check, 18,874 28 Commercial certificates of deposit 733 71 Savings deposits 5,403 9 Savings certificates of deposit 47,543 4 Due to banks and bankers 312 1

Total \$ 103,082 4

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF IONIA, I. Chas. S. Felch, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. S. FELCH, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec., 1898.

CHARLES BROWN, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: H. J. LEONARD, H. L. PAGE, W. P. HETHERINGTON, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

at Belding, Michigan, at the close of business Dec. 1st, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$101,121 50 Stocks, bonds and mortgages 20,514 28 Overdrafts 1,204 00 Banking house 8,111 18 Furniture and fixtures 2,799 08 Due from banks in reserve cities 12,422 38 Due from other banks and bankers 454 08 Checks and cash items 1,658 21 Nickels and pennies 97 23 Gold coin 3,857 09 Silver coin 1,927 66 U. S. and National Bank Notes 6,695 06

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$25,000 00 Surplus fund 3,000 00 Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 3,343 54 Commercial deposits subject to check, 25,548 57 power to operate twenty arc electric light system, 3,423 62 Savings deposits 10,287 67 Savings certificates of deposit 79,909 68 Due to banks and bankers 20 92

Total \$ 160,542 57

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF IONIA, I. M. A. Reed, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. A. REED, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec., 1898.

CHARLES BROWN, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: E. R. SPENCER, JOHN GREENOP, W. H. LOCKE, Directors.

INSURANCE AGENCY.

I am prepared to write Insurance usually accepted by companies in general on city and surrounding country property. Office at Commercial Bank.

WM. PICKERING.

BOOKS STATIONERY. Illustration of a man and woman at a desk.

School Books and School Supplies

WILDERS.

FOR Christmas Candies!

THE CANDY KITCHEN

Is the place. I make all kinds of Candies fresh nearly every day. Try my 10c Taffy it is the best in the City. Buy your Holiday Confectionery at the Candy Kitchen and save money.

Mrs. Carpenter. "The World Loves a Winner."

I Have Lots of Business and Want More of It. I CAN'T write advertisements but I can sell you the best goods for the least money. My prices on WATCHES, CLOCKS, and JEWELRY is below any of them, quality considered. My HOLIDAY STOCK is fine and too many bargains to enumerate. Call on me before buying WATCHES anywhere as I can and will save you money from the cheapest to the best. My treatment is right: my work the best. Open until 10 o'clock every night before Xmas. A. B. HULL, Watchmaker and Engraver. With W. A. Dutt.

Going to be Married? Get your invitations and announcements printed at the BANNER office. We do the finest work.

LADIES! Last week we offered some suggestions for Christmas Presents for the Gentlemen. Here are some more to bear in mind. HINT NO. 3. A gentleman can always appreciate a good fitting Shirt. We sell the ELGIN SHIRT in plain white, fancy bosoms or colored bodies. This would make a nice present and inexpensive. This popular brand of shirts always fits. Made of the best linen and muslin and will not tear from laundrying. Price \$1.00. HINT NO. 4. Have you a boy? Our line of Boys' Suits and Reefers have the quality, make and fit. A boy always likes a nice fitting Suit and parents show good judgment in encouraging this commendable pride. No where can you find Boys' Clothing so well calculated to encourage the boys in being well dressed than at our store, and the price is no greater than that of less attractive goods. Hint No. 1, Smoking Jacket Hint No. 2, Silk Umbrella HOLMES BROS.,

HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Has begun, and right here I want to have my say. When you buy in the lines of goods I carry the first thing to take in consideration is, if the goods are reliable and can the quality be depended upon. If you care to be perfectly satisfied as to price and know you can depend upon the articles purchased I will secure your patronage. When you look through my Mammoth Stock and compare our

Prices and Courteous

treatment you will find Christmas Shopping a pleasure. In WATCHES I lead them all as my big Watch trade indicates, and why not when you can buy a pretty GOLD WATCH of me that will wear well and keep good time for

Only \$10.00.

Have still better from that up. Don't you think you had better see my assortment. That OPAL RING I sell for a dollar is a "WINNER," and when it comes to a better class of goods no other stock compares with ours. I am selling the best

Rogers' Knives and Forks \$3

PER DOZ., and a good set of other make for \$2.50. Our

China Department

can't be beat. Just think a fine 100 piece semi-porcelain DINNER SET only \$6.00 and the finest line of better goods ever shown here. As all know my

Musical Department

is complete, and for the Holidays shall show a fine line of Music Rolls, Folios, Guitars, Banjos, Violins, etc., and at one-half regular Music Store prices. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you in our Big, Bright Store. I am for Christmas,

WILL H. RICABY.

O, MAMMA! I wish I could have a little Crib for my Dollie, and SAY, I know where there is the prettiest little white one you ever saw, and that hidown to Reynolds' Grocery. And he is just giving them away too with Baking Powder. He has lots of nice GROCERIES too, and says he wants to see us all and everybody. Let's go right now to REYNOLDS'. Just around the corner on Pleasant St.