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## GRAND OPENING!

I take pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Austin and vicinity that I shall open, on

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1887,**

At the store formerly occupied by Bellus & Case the Largest and Finest Stock of Men's, Youth's and Children's

## CLOTHING,

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks and Valises, ever before shown in Mower County. Realizing the advancement and enterprise of your city I have paid particular attention in selecting latest styles and best quality in every one of the above lines.

**MY CLOTHING DEPARTMENT** comprises everything from a Kid's Suit to the Largest Size Men's Suits. Special Attention paid to the Selection of Boys' and Youth's Suits.

**MY GENTS' FURNISHING AND HAT AND CAP DEPARTMENTS** are complete, and in every way first-class.

**TRUNKS AND VALISES.** I have all sizes and kinds at very low figures.

If you are in need of anything in my line, I shall be pleased to have you call and inspect my stock before buying elsewhere, and I will guarantee to save you 25 per cent on every purchase.

**"Quick Sales and Small Profits" is my Motto.**

**Strictly One Price to All.**

**Goods Marked in Plain Figures.**

Remember the place, two doors South of Post Office, opposite the Court House. Very Respectfully, I remain,

**GEORGE HIRSH,**  
THE CLOTHIER.



It has been our endeavor to gain a reputation for keeping choice, fresh Groceries, and of selling them at a fair price. Judging from our constantly increasing trade, we believe that our endeavor has been realized to some extent. Customers may always be sure of finding our goods fresh and clean. We are always ready to show our goods, knowing that they will compare favorably with any stock ever in Austin. Prompt delivery by the "White Mule"

**Richards.**

## FURNITURE.

We now occupy the large Corner Store of the McClelland Block, and are opening up a large, well assorted stock of Furniture,

## Coffins & Caskets.

Come and see us, and leave your orders. Undertaking, a Specialty. A good Hearse furnished for City or Country Funerals. Repairing promptly done.

**Austin Furniture Co.,**

**E.J. PHILLIPS, Manager.**

### BOARD OF TRADE.

#### A WORD OF ADVICE.

The last meeting was not so well attended as usual, owing to the absence of many members from the city that evening, and outside attractions. The committees, who were to report at this meeting will report next Monday evening, and these reports with other important business will make an unusually interesting meeting. Mr. Knox, who has been in St. Paul this week, attending the meeting of the directors of the new road, will have something to report. The question of electric lights, etc., will be brought before the Board, and all business men should make it a point to be present. Now that the charter has been passed, the Board can give all of its attention to the improvement and building up of the city. The more there are interested in this work, the more will be done in that direction. As the stores close at 7:30, it is possible for every merchant to attend the meeting. Every man should have a desire to know what is being done for the city, and to take some part in the work. What the Board has already done should be enough to convince men of its great usefulness to the city. The larger the meetings, the more enthusiasm will be aroused, and if there is one thing needed among Austin people, it is a little enthusiasm. No great results can be obtained unless men are in earnest. Is it not time then, for the citizens of Austin to shake off the long time lethargy, which has hung about them, and make up their minds to make one united effort for Austin? If you think so, come out to the meetings of the Board of Trade. The only way to accomplish anything, is through an organization of this kind. Therefore it is necessary that the organization should be as strong as possible.

Board met at Court House. Meeting called to order by Pres. Minutes of last meeting read and approved of as read. Reports of Committee called for.

Mr. French stated that he had prepared a bill to authorize the city to issue \$25,000 water works bonds, as directed at last meeting and that it has been sent to Legislature and had passed the Senate.

Mr. Clark of Committee on Public Improvements, said that committee had nothing to report.

Mr. Hall reported through Secretary that he had not yet fully informed himself in regard to Electric lights as directed at last meeting.

The Committee of three, of which G. Schleuder was chairman, appointed at last meeting to investigate advisability of city disposing of its Bridge St. property, buying another lot to place old county jail upon, and erecting a city building, made no report. No member of the committee being present.

Mr. French stated that about \$90.00 of the fund subscribed by the citizens of Austin for relief of St. Cloud cyclone sufferers, had been returned unused. He desired an expression of the board as to disposition to be made of it. After some remarks by Mr. Dettelbach, Mr. Shaw and Mr. French on the subject, Mr. Shaw moved that the Mayor have inserted in newspapers that any one wishing his subscription returned, could have it by calling upon him, and that the balance, if any, be held for a relief fund. Seconded and carried.

The Pres. called on Committee on Building Association. Mr. Shaw as chairman of that committee reported that the Association had been incorporated, its by-laws had been drawn, officers and directors chosen, and that the necessary printing was being done as rapidly as possible. He said a great deal of work had been done to get it started and it took time. Mr. Shaw stated that he considered its stock a safe investment, and that the Association was organized for the good of the place and not for the profit of any individual. Mr. French extended an invitation to all to subscribe for stock at once, and desired all who had the welfare of our city at heart and all our business men particularly, to subscribe for stock at once, and encourage the Association. Committee on charter not present to report.

Bill of W. L. Hollister \$7.50 for expenses, while at St. Paul looking after passage of city charter, was presented and allowed.

Bill of Andrew Knox \$25.00, for expenses, in connection with the business with the Duluth Mankato St. Cloud & Southern Ry., presented and allowed.

No other business coming before the Board, meeting was adjourned to one week from to-night.

N. F. BANFIELD, Sec.

### MYSTERY AND WONDER.

Prof. Bruder, the magician, will give one of his interesting entertainments at the Opera House, Saturday and Monday evenings. His exhibitions are pronounced very interesting. Among other wonders, he will give an exhibition of mind reading and second sight. He has a talking skull and skeleton. Admission 25 cents; children, 15 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents. Take the children.

### NEW CHARTER.

#### THE NEW CHARTER FOR AUSTIN HAS BEEN PASSED.

Also the Bill Allowing the City to raise \$25,000 for Waterworks.

Under the Charter many Long Needed Improvements Will be Made.

The new charter which has been so long needed, has passed both houses. The provisions of the charter have been given in the Transcript, but we shall mention some of the more important ones again. This is something that every citizen should be interested in, for it will greatly benefit the city. The next election will be held under this charter. It provides for the election of an Alderman at large, making seven Aldermen instead of six, the present number. The city limits are extended in every direction, taking in large tracts of land, which will be platted and built up. It gives the council the power to grant franchises, to build sidewalks, to lay sewers, to vacate streets, and to make all improvements necessary.

With these new powers the Council can make improvements which are needed by the city. It will be no longer in the power of a few dissatisfied people to block every contemplated improvement.

The charter provides for the funding of the bonded indebtedness, which is one of the most important clauses in the charter. It fixes the minimum amount for license at \$500, which will go into effect this spring, independent of the state law, recently passed, which would not take effect until next spring. This was the only clause in the charter which excited any opposition.

These are the most important changes, all of which will no doubt meet with the approval of everyone interested in the city.

The bill authorizing the city to raise \$25,000 for waterworks, is also of great importance. It makes it certain that the city will soon have a system of water works. The Council can either give the franchise or raise the necessary funds. There have been several offers from parties to put in waterworks, providing they could have the franchise.

There is an imperative need of waterworks, and they should be put in at once.

Under the new charter Austin will have water works, electric lights, new streets, new sidewalks, new sewers, and other improvements. It will mark the beginning of the rapid growth of the city.

#### AN AUSTIN FIRM AT DULUTH.

Richardson Day & Co. sold \$51,300 worth of real estate in Duluth, last week. This firm of Austin men is making itself felt in Duluth. Since they opened their office in Duluth, their business has constantly increased, and they are, at present, one of the leading real estate firms in the city. They have two plans for parties to invest, as follows: They invest for parties, charging them a commission, when the property is sold, or instead of charging a commission they will take one half net profit, after allowing 7 per cent. interest and taxes. Parties who have invested with them have been well satisfied with the manner in which their business was conducted, and have realized from 50 to 400 per cent. on the investment. While they do a large business at Duluth, they also have a large business at home, where they are interested in all home improvements.

#### NORTH STAR CIRCLE.

The North Star Circle met with Mrs. S. B. Woodsum, St. Valentines evening, February 14. The following program was carried out:

- 1.—Each member contributed a valentine to the basket. These were then passed, each member taking one.
- 2.—Roll call.—Responded to by reading of valentines.
- 3.—The lesson on astronomy.—Conducted by Miss Harvey.
- 4.—The lesson on the Early Church.—Conducted by Mrs. G. W. Taylor.
- 5.—Reading.—St. Simeon Stylites.—Miss Rita Barnes.
- 6.—Character Sketch: John Calvin.—Mrs. Geo. Campbell.
- 7.—Essay: Mary Lyon and her Work.—Miss Alice Harvey.
- 8.—Debate: Resolved, that the higher education is needed for women.—Aff., Miss M. A. Comstock; Neg., Rev. S. A. Dewart.

All interested in the Chautauqua work are cordially welcomed at the circle.

#### DISCOURAGING.

The following discouraging epistle has been received from Dakota. Our readers may judge how deeply chagrined we feel to receive the information that the gentleman has "noe yous" for the Transcript. He forgets that we have "yous" for the money he owes us: Goodwin and Barnes Publishers Dear Sir Don't Send Me the Transcript any More as I have noe yous fr it. I Will Not take it out of the Post office eney Mor

#### PUBLIC SALE OF STOCK.

Four horses, from three to seven years old. Five milch cows: seven two years old; eight yearlings. Tuesday, March 8. Terms of sale, six month on approved security. per cent. discount for cash. JNO. MERRILL. Town of Windom 7 1/2 miles S. E. of Austin.

### THE RECORD.

#### Changes and Improvements.

There is a strong probability of a syndicate being formed of the own of the McClelland block. The plan is to build a large three story block and use the upper stories for a hotel. This would be a very practical plan, for both the stores and hotel would be readily rented. This would be a great addition to Austin, and especially to that end of Main street. We hope these gentlemen can make arrangements and put up the block. It would be an excellent investment.

I. Taylor has bought the stock of clothing of C. W. Taylor & Co., and will continue the business. Mr. Taylor has made friends since he came here last fall, who will be pleased to know that he will remain here. The store will be extended twenty-five feet, which will give room for a large stock.

Geo. Hildahl and Kinney Woodward, of Wells, are arranging to buy the drug store of Mills & Johnson. Mr. Woodward has been in the drug business at Wells, and thoroughly understands it. Mr. Hildahl has many friends, who would be pleased to see him in business again.

H. J. Minar has made arrangements to build a house on the lots adjoining Mr. Bellus. He intends this for his residence, and will build a very tasty home, after the most approved plans. He will probably begin work on it as soon as the weather will permit.

The Odd Fellows have bought the corner lot on Bridge and Chatham Sts., of A. Galloway, and will proceed at once with their plans for building. They will put up a fine two story building.

T. Aherm, of Calmar, road master on the C. M. & St. Paul R. R., has received orders to make Austin his headquarters. He will build a house and bring his family here.

An alley will be opened in the rear of the stores on the east side of Main street. There will also be one opened from Chatham street connecting with it.

Mrs. Dr. Barnes' new house will soon be finished. She will occupy it, when finished, and rent her present residence.

Mr. Martin, of the firm of Thompson & Martin, is putting up a house in the northwest part of the city.

C. H. Davidson has bought the lots on Main St., adjoining his property recently acquired of J. E. Robinson.

Hoag & Prescott have put up their partitions in the Mason building, and will soon be ready to open.

G. W. Smith, of Wells, who recently bought two lots on Main St. of C. L. West, intends to build.

There will probably be a new building on the lots occupied by Jos. Adams' carpenter shop.

It is reported a house will be built on the R. B. Wheeler property, adjoining H. O. Basford.

A. C. Case has bought two lots adjoining W. C. Horrobin and is planning to build.

A. C. Kinsman has almost finished a large addition to his house.

W. W. Ranney will build on his lots adjoining Mr. Gilbertson.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

The many friends of W. W. Engle gave him a surprise party, Monday evening, on his birthday. The forces were gathered, early in the evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Loucks. They came loaded with refreshments, and in a mood for fun. When between seventy-five and a hundred had gathered, they departed on their mission, and fulfilled it completely. The victim was surprised and the home captured. The aforesaid mood for fun materialized, to an unusual degree, and the evening was spent in the liveliest manner. The occasion will no doubt be remembered by the surprised as one of his happiest birthdays.

The young gentlemen of the D. D. A. F. G. club gave a party to the young ladies of the L. D. A. D. G. club and others, Monday evening, at the residence of Charles Cook. Souvenirs were given by both clubs as valentines. The young gentlemen are to be complimented on the complete success of their first party.

The Valentine ball given by the Austin Cornet Band, was a success in every way. There was a large attendance, good music, and a splendid supper. The boys will net a good sum, which they deserve.

A large number of S. B. Woodsum's old neighbors gave him a surprise party last Thursday evening. A pleasant time was had and everyone was well repaid for the long ride.

The sociable given by the society of Temple Builders, Wednesday evening, at the Hotel Robinson, was well attended, and quite a sum was raised for the parsonage fund.

#### NOTICE.

On account of a change in my business I desire an immediate settlement with all who are indebted to me.

G. T. MILLS.

## Country Produce.

#### PAYING TO-DAY:

Butter—Rolls and Jars.	20c
Choice Dairy Tubs,	22c
Eggs,	30c
Lard, 15-	8c

Do You want to Save

## MONEY?

Buy Goods in

## LARGE

Quantities.

Join with your Neighbors and buy

Full Packages for

## CASH!

Good Japan Tea, by Chest, per B... \$0.25

Good Laundry Soap, by Box, per B... .04

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Kerosene Oil by the Bbl, per gal.... .13

Soda, Oyster or Butter Crackers, by

Box, per B... .054

Sugar Syrup by Barrel, per gal. .... .39

Good Plug Tobacco by Box, per lb. .30

Baking Powder, in 10 pound lots,

.....15, 20 and 40c

Rice, in 100 lb lots, per B... .05

Broken Rice, in 100 lb lots, per B... .04

Preserved Strawberries by the case

per doz..... 1.75

Canned Blackberries by the case, per

doz..... 1.00

Pie Peaches by the case, per doz.... 1.25

Canned Corn by the case, per doz... .65

Oatmeal in 100 lb lots per B... .03

Vinegar by the barrel, per gal..... .20

Cooking Raisins by box, per B... .08 and .10

Starch by the box, per B... .07

Don't buy Goods until  
You Have Seen them.  
Come and get Samples.

**McBRIDE**

THE

**GROCER.**