

The Berrien County Record.

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Yesterday the old year died, and to-day the new year is born. The past we know, but the future is hidden from view.

It is well for us all occasionally to take a retrospective view of our lives, and no more appropriate time seems to present itself than the close of the year or the beginning of a new one.

The nights and shades of 1873 will long reflect their joy or sadness over many hearts. There were joyous household started with buoyant spirits on the journey of '73, but ere the station midway had been reached, lo, the black hand of the destroyer had entered and plucked the brightest flower and scattered its withering leaves to earth again.

Ruined hopes, ruined fortunes, ruined lives, wrecks of domestic and social life are strewn thick all along the track of the cold, dead year. But while this is true there have been many joys, many gladdened hearts, high hopes realized, so that even the dark, portentous clouds that seem hanging like a pall over the dreary past, had their silver lining.

There, too, is the lone house, where the thoughts of the absent wanderer in foreign climes have served to mar the pleasures of the hour. That house has been gladdened by the return of the husband, son or father, and the festal board has been one constant scene of rejoicing.

Now, that this New Year's morn has dawned upon the world, and with thoughts turned to the past, let resolutions of improvement be made for the future. Where error has marked our pathway in the dead year, let firm resolves be made to correct the same in the new and living year.

Several bills have already been introduced in Congress, looking to the free exchange of newspapers, and the free delivery of weekly newspapers within the country where published. We trust that this just measure of legislation will not long be delayed in its passage, after Congress shall again assemble.

COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS, POSTAGE AND EXCHANGES.

The entire people regard the passage of this oppressive piece of legislation as a retaliatory measure, on the part of Congress who were opposed to the repeal of the franking privilege.

Take away the country press, and you strike a blow at the sacred rights of the people in many things, that stands in the way of the best interests of the country newspapers.

Almost every town and village in America's broad domain, boasts its newspaper, the mouth-piece of its inhabitants, the defender of their rights, and the vigilant sentinel on the watch-tower of their freedom.

citizenship. The press is the media through which this knowledge is to be communicated from one to another, so that the great pulse of the whole body of the American people is led to beat in harmony with the principles of justice, right and freedom.

The people demand, and they will be satisfied with nothing less than the repeal of the obnoxious postage clause requiring as much postage for passing their small country paper out of a county post-office as for the carrying of the New York Independent to San Francisco, three thousand miles.

We have before us the message of Hon. Marsh Giddings, Governor of New Mexico. It is an able document, and does great credit to its author, as well as to Michigan, his former place of residence.

The Lansing Republican in speaking of Mr. Giddings' administration says: "New Mexico is quite prosperous under the Governorship of Hon. Marsh Giddings, formerly of Kalamazoo."

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MISSISSIPPI CORRESPONDENCE.

TOUGALOO, Dec. 11, 1873. Eds. Record.—Can you believe it possible that while the mails are bringing us from the North such fearful records of cold and storm, we at the South are in the midst of the finest weather? Bright, warm, sunny, like summer. Nothing in the air that flows about us that reminds of winter.

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question less than for a few. It makes a price which with not a few, how they shall "make the two ends meet." With the financial disturbance at the North and light harvests at the South, we think this winter must bring want to many houses. So we are knit together. What afflicts one section reaches another, and all suffer together from the same cause.

We approach the end of the term. Closes Dec. 24th. We have a brief occasion for the Holidays, Christmas and New Year. Next term will commence January 7th, 1874. Even in the old, old days of slavery, becoming we are thankful, constantly more remote, these people had their "holidays." Christmas brought a respite which no other week of the whole year allowed.

We mark your quotation of Michigan apples at such moderate prices. We wish we could see some of them in Mississippi at twice the amount. Fruit is so scarce. It is so difficult to preserve anything here. The tendency is to some extent necessary, to consume everything as we go, and then look to the North to send us some of their preserves. The good, old, old North after all is the place to keep things, and "lay by in store," and "have something for a rainy day." It would be but a poor look for these sunny latitudes but for the reserve forces and resources of the severer.

Very truly yours, J. K. DEERING.

FROM THE LANSING REPUBLICAN.

State Treasury. The balance of cash in the State Treasury Dec. 17th, 1873, was \$639,920.62. Receipts for the week ending Dec. 24th were \$25,560.13; payments during same time \$23,848.11; leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$640,632.64. Increase, \$1,712.02.

THE SPECIFIC ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Tax Histories (\$28 83), State Tax Deeds (8 85), State Tax Lands and Bids (1,387 80), Redemptions (577 21), Delinquent Taxes (53 47), Counties—State Tax, 1873 (2,500 00), " " Tax Sales (303 25), " " General Account (7,491 96), " " Taxes and Redemptions (3,325 35), Interest on Tax Sales (2 00), Peddlers Licenses (2 50), Fees from Notaries Public (2 00), " " Aud. General for Plats (3 00), Sales Old Furniture (1 25), Primary School Principals (495 00), " " Interest (41 13), Swamp Land Principals (9,016 91), " " Interest (2 49), Agricultural College Print (199 74), Taxes on Part-paid Lands (173 83).

PAYMENTS.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

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gold watches and gold chains for those whom the liberal donors wished to give something that is beautiful, durable and useful; splendidly bound Bibles for those theologically inclined; nice volumes of poetry for those who wish to bask in the sunshine of the muses; while hundreds of articles of lesser value, but not the less appreciated by the receivers, bedecked the glittering tree, giving evidence of the prosperity of the Sabbath School and the high appreciation of the day that a Savior of mankind was born into the world. On Christmas evening the Galien House gave a party which was full of overflowing, and the "light fantastic too" was tripped until broad daylight, and the boys went home with the "gals" in the morning.

BOOK EXHIBITION CENTER.

ERRORS RECORD.—Berrien Center still lives, notwithstanding the hard times. All have plenty to eat, and generally plenty to do. Farmers are busy getting wood and fixing up generally, to be prepared for sleighing when it comes.—The Berrien Center Grange have fitted up a nice hall, and are prepared to receive new members to any extent. Farmers are cordially invited to come and join us and help in the good work.—The Berrien Center Band have united with the Dowagiac, making a band of some twenty pieces, which makes one of the best bands in the State.

THE COUNTY PRESS.

THE NILES Republican says: That was a big hog, a very big one that Fern Johnson brought to town and sold yesterday. It was a Chester White, and weighed when dressed, five hundred and fifty pounds. That will do.—Our colored friends of the Masonic Harrison Lodge No. 1, elected officers on Tuesday evening last, with the following result: Wm. Powers, W. M.; A. Winburn, S. W.; Dennis R. Hill, J. W.; C. F. Wilson, Treasurer; Wm. H. Hackley, Secretary; James Ogden, J. D.; Amos Jenkins, S. D.; John R. Williams, Tyler. After the election and installation a festival was held at Kellogg's Hall that in every way proved a success.

THE NILES Democrat says:

Major Graves has been appointed one of the judges on draft horses at the next State Agricultural Fair.—The Rev. Wm. Lusk made a couple happy at Trinity church, last Tuesday by fastening them in the matrimonial meshes, and the exultant bridegroom gave him twenty new silver half dollars. Of course his happiness will be lasting, and the reverend gentleman who received the gift feels as if he was a newly instituted vault in the U. S. Mint.

THE ST. JOSEPH Herald says:

William Dodge, of Bainbridge, brought into market this week the largest hog of the season. It was three years old and weighed, dressed, six hundred and ninety-four pounds, and was sold to Louis Grabfelder, butcher, for five and three-fourths cents per pound, or \$99.91. Who will "call" Mr. Dodge.

THE BENTON HARBOR Palladium says:

The corporation authorities have put up gasoline lamps on Main Street one at the corner of Pipestone, and one at the corner of Water Street. Another is to be put up, we believe, at the corner of Sixth Street, and at Seventh, and one at the corner of Territorial and Water Streets. This will give much needed illumination on dark nights, and prove an especial convenience to persons arriving or departing by night trains.—Rev. J. G. Portman, late of this village, has received a call from the Baptist church at Goshen, Indiana. They hope for his acceptance.

THE BERRIEN SPRINGS Gold and Silver says:

Harry Mitchell cut his thumb off from his left hand last Tuesday.—A Debating Society has been organized in our place, and meets at Library Hall every Monday evening.—Rev. Neville Morris, of the Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana, has taken charge of the Berrien Springs pastorate.—Thursday morning, Dec. 4th, at half past six our flag pole was blown down, striking the windmill at the back end of Pennell's store, and completely opened the whole and to this street, besides cutting half way across the roof. Nobody hurt. Who is to stand the damages?—The exercises at the Union School, on the afternoon of the 21st ult., were a decided success. The scholars did themselves and their teacher great credit by the fine manner in which they delivered their papers.

THE DETROIT POST.

The DETROIT POST is, especially commended to Michigan readers, because:—It discusses with more freedom and vigor than any other Detroit paper, topics affecting Michigan interests. It gives more complete reports of the Michigan State Societies, Meetings and Organizations generally, than any other paper published. It contains local news furnished by special correspondents from all parts of the State. It treats all public questions independently, and holds that every subject of individual or of community interest, of religion, politics, business or education, is a fit topic for impartial and intelligent discussion, and that a Republican paper, in its politics, from honest convictions, and that the only language in the English language, that discards from its conduct the influence of faction and personal prejudice. It employs a higher order of editorial talent than any other Detroit newspaper. It contains the latest news of the day, carefully collated, its Market Reports are unsurpassed in accuracy

and fullness; it is unequalled as a family newspaper by any paper in the State; and it rigidly excludes all objectionable advertisements. Price for DAILY POST, \$10.00 per annum; TRI-WEEKLY, \$5.00; WEEKLY, \$2.00, or in Clubs of Ten, \$15.00. The Publishers will furnish specimen copies when desired. The WEEKLY POST will club with any other paper in the State, at \$1.50 per year, and the advantages of this system, if properly argued, will operate to the benefit of its own subscribers as well as to the local papers.

This Lansing Republican says that 13 railroads in this State have failed to pay the matured coupons on their mortgage bonds, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,980,074.

It is stated that "Boss Tweed" is the first ex-member of Congress ever sent to the Penitentiary. This is no compliment to those whose duty it is to enforce the laws.

PANIC SOCIALS are announced in general of our exchanges. We do not know what distinguishes these from other socials, but presume it is the form of dress adopted for the occasion and the refreshments furnished. Perhaps, too, the contribution-box is dispensed with.

Marriages.

Dec. 24th, 1873, by Rev. J. B. Hartness, at his residence, Mr. JAMES A. BERRIEN, of Berrien Co., Mich., and Miss MARY A. VAN TILBUBURG, of Berrien Co.

Deaths.

Dec. 24th, 1873, at the residence of John S. Gibson, Chikago, Michigan, Mrs. J. S. GIBSON, wife of John S. Gibson, aged 72 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Special Notices.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD. On and after Monday, Nov. 3, 1873, all trains on the Michigan Central Railroad stopping at Buchanan, will be as follows: TRAINS WESTWARD. Buchanan to Detroit, 7:30 A. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 8:30 A. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 1:30 P. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 6:30 P. M.

CHICAGO & MICH. L. SHORE R. R.

On and after Monday, May 13, 1871, trains will run as follows: LEAVE NEW BUFFALO—BOSTON. Buchanan to Detroit, 7:30 A. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 8:30 A. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 1:30 P. M. Buchanan to Grand Rapids, 6:30 P. M.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

"The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that distressing complaint, by a simple remedy, has the pleasure to announce that he has discovered the means of curing it, and has prepared a medicine, which he will send a copy of free of charge, to any person who will send a copy of the prescription used, with the directions for preparing it, in a plain envelope, addressed to JOHN H. GIBSON, 124 E. 12th St., New York City. Terms: 25¢ per copy; 50¢ per copy; 1.00 per copy; 2.00 per copy; 3.00 per copy; 4.00 per copy; 5.00 per copy; 6.00 per copy; 7.00 per copy; 8.00 per copy; 9.00 per copy; 10.00 per copy; 11.00 per copy; 12.00 per copy; 13.00 per copy; 14.00 per copy; 15.00 per copy; 16.00 per copy; 17.00 per copy; 18.00 per copy; 19.00 per copy; 20.00 per copy; 21.00 per copy; 22.00 per copy; 23.00 per copy; 24.00 per copy; 25.00 per copy; 26.00 per copy; 27.00 per copy; 28.00 per copy; 29.00 per copy; 30.00 per copy; 31.00 per copy; 32.00 per copy; 33.00 per copy; 34.00 per copy; 35.00 per copy; 36.00 per copy; 37.00 per copy; 38.00 per copy; 39.00 per copy; 40.00 per copy; 41.00 per copy; 42.00 per copy; 43.00 per copy; 44.00 per copy; 45.00 per copy; 46.00 per copy; 47.00 per copy; 48.00 per copy; 49.00 per copy; 50.00 per copy; 51.00 per copy; 52.00 per copy; 53.00 per copy; 54.00 per copy; 55.00 per copy; 56.00 per copy; 57.00 per copy; 58.00 per copy; 59.00 per copy; 60.00 per copy; 61.00 per copy; 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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Probate Order.—Estate of Henry Holton. Get the Best—G. & O. Merrill. 609 North Main St. —Bima & Ross. Go West, &c.—J. E. Thompson. Local Notice.—Mrs. Dann. Local Notice.—Buchanan Lodge No. 68. Local Notice.—Jacob Brown.

A. F. WHITE'S Drug Store. Will be opened for the FALL TRADE. The largest stock of Paints & Oils.

How did you enjoy the Holidays? is the question that is now frequently asked. Now is just the time to subscribe for the RECORD. Only \$2 per year, \$1 for six months, or 50 cents for three months invariably in advance, otherwise \$2.50 per year.

Shipping Cases, a new supply, cheap at the RECORD office. BREAKER buying syrup look at the nicest you ever saw, at Kinyon's.

The ice packers are making arrangements to put up ice for the coming summer. SKATING.—Those who are fond of this kind of exercise have had favorable opportunities this winter for indulgence.

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REDDEN & GRAHAM have just filled up their store with Goods bought at Panic Prices, and are bound to close them out by the first of January regardless of cost. CIRCUIT COURT.—Circuit Court will adjourn until Tuesday, Jan. 13th. The calendar is expected to be a lengthy one, and if the weather is favorable, considerable business will not doubt be transacted.

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BROWN is selling Furniture at Granger's prices. FOUR PER CENT.—From and after to-day all who have not paid their taxes will have four per cent. collection fees to pay. LOOS.—Logs have been coming in rapidly this week, thus far, every one being intent on improving the little sleighing while it lasts.

OSTERS.—Fresh oysters at J. P. Binns' dished up to suit customers. DOG LICENSE.—Town Clerks can get blank Dog License books at the RECORD OFFICE. CALL.—Rev. Geo. S. Hicks was in town on Friday, looking well. He is now on the third year of his pastorate at LaGrange, Cass Co., Mich.

THE winter term of the Buchanan Union School commences next Monday. MASONIC.—The regular meeting of Buchanan Lodge No. 68, F. & A. M., will be held on Friday night of this week, Jan. 24. Work on the M. M. degree. All members of the fraternity are cordially invited to be present.

KINYON is selling best salt that has never been exposed to the weather an hour, at only \$2.20 per barrel. CHRISTMAS.—Christmas day was as beautiful this year as any that was ever witnessed in this latitude for thirty years. There was no snow, the sky was clear and the sun shone as warm as any day in October. If people were not merry they could not attribute it to the weather clerk.

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GRANGER.—Over 176 Grangers now in the State, with a total membership of over 10,000.

THE days are now growing beautifully longer. The old saying will prove true this year, that "when the days begin to lengthen, cold weather begins to strengthen."

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PAY UP.—We expect, during the present year, to give more attention than ever before to collecting. We are necessarily compelled to do this work which to us is not very pleasant. We want every man who is owing us, either on subscription or on accounts, to make calculations to pay up, as soon as possible. It will be our aim at the close of 1874 to not have a dollar outstanding on our books and that not a single subscriber shall be over six months in arrears. Our watchword, then, for 1874 is collect, and those owing us, if they do not wish to receive a letter or a visit from us on business matters, can avoid both by calling soon and paying up, besides doing their duty they will be doing us a favor and save us a useless amount of trouble and expense.

DIED.—We are called upon to chronicle the death of another of the first settlers of Berrien County, Mr. Russell McCoy, who died at his residence in this village on Monday of last week, Dec. 22d, aged 64 years. Mr. McCoy came to this country in 1829—45 years ago. In 1830 he was in the employ of the missionaries near Niles, and afterwards worked for several years as boatman on the St. Joseph River. In 1835 he and Mr. Hiram Wray built a saw mill at the mouth of the creek. For many years next preceding his death he resided in this village. Mr. McCoy leaves a widow and eleven children, all of whom, together with a large number of relatives and friends, attended his funeral services at the Oak street Chapel, on Wednesday last week.

NEW PAPER.—The Bangor Reflector is the name of a neat little paper, which has just made its appearance at Bangor, Van Buren Co., edited by Wm. W. Secord. Success to this new enterprise.

WRITING ACADEMY.—J. A. Jones would respectfully announce to the citizens of Buchanan and vicinity that he is fitting up Roe's Hall for a Writing Academy, and will open the same on Saturday, Jan. 24, 1874. Younger pupils, and those who cannot attend evening, will receive instruction from 10 to 12 A. M. and 2 to 4 P. M., on Saturdays. Evening sessions will commence Tuesday, Jan. 28th, and will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week. Those wishing to acquire a good handwriting will receive advantages here equal to those afforded in the best Mercantile College, and at comparatively trifling expense. The undersigned received instruction from P. R. Spencer, author of the Spencerian system, and taught writing successfully in Cleveland, O., for two years, and asks a discriminating public to examine for themselves and judge as to his ability. Terms—16 lessons—\$2.00 in advance. J. A. JONES.

RELIGIOUS.—The Missionary Conference of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan will be held at Battle Creek, Jan. 20 and 21, 1874. The Michigan State Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting this year at Saginaw. ACCIDENT.—Elder J. Barnhart, of this village, was quite seriously hurt on last Sabbath, by having a team run on him as he was crossing from one street to another. The tongue of the sleigh struck him under the arm and threw him violently to the ground, bruising him severely, but it is hoped he sustained no internal injuries.

SLIGHING.—We have sleighing again, and it is welcomed, as business of all kinds is improving in consequence of it. A NEW factory is being established at South Bend that expects to manufacture 1,000 reapers during the present year. STATE FAIR.—The State Fair will be held this year, commencing Sept. 21st. The place has not yet been decided upon, but East Saginaw, it is thought, will be the place.

CLOTHING and gents furnishing goods of every description at Cotton & Fox's, at bottom prices. Also fall line of rubber goods. STARTED.—Our young friend Frank T. Plimpton started for Washington on Monday to take a position in the Senate Post-Office. We are glad to wish him success. A WATCH MEETING was held last evening, at the Oak Street Chapel.

THE Dowagiac Republican says it is as natural for the Niles Democrat to lie as for a duck to take to water. Tut! tut! gentlemen. EVERY ONE who does not possess a horse, outboard and bells is wishing for them now-a-days. We belong to this unfortunate class ourselves and speak from experience. FINANCES.—Financial matters are continually improving, and indications are more and more apparent of returning confidence and increasing trade.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Binehart is absent, having been called to Europe on business and will not return for several months. Now is the time to leave off bad habits and make strong resolutions for the coming year. Start out with the beginning of the year determined on doing all the good you can, and making life pleasant and agreeable to yourself and others around you, that when the year closes you can look back on time well spent, with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction.

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MASONIC.—The Masonic Social and Supper, on Saturday evening last, was well attended, although many from the country were prevented from being present on account of the inclemency of the weather. Rev. Levi Tarr delivered a short address appropriate for the occasion. It contained in brief the principles and virtues upon which Masonry is based, and which every worthy member of the fraternity recognizes and practices in all his dealings with mankind. After his address, Rev. A. M. Collins was requested to make a few remarks, which he reluctantly consented to do, having never made any speech on any similar occasion, and not expecting to be called upon at this time. His address was very eloquent, full of fervor and animation; was well received, and under the circumstances certainly did him great credit. We trust these gatherings will be more frequent in the future, as they result in good, affording rare opportunities for social and mental improvement.

GRANDES' DINNER.—The Dayton Grange gave a dinner on Christmas day. Couldn't have selected a better day, and those who were invited could not have selected a better place to spend Christmas, consequently they all came, and although somewhat crowded, a good feeling was manifested on every hand, all feeling free to enjoy themselves as best they could, and a general satisfaction was the result. The dinner—well, we always feel an incompetency whenever we refer to a Grange's dinner. There were provisions enough to have fed five hundred of the hungriest Grangers that could be picked up anywhere, and there was not a single thing put on the table but what was of the very first quality. Some two hundred and thirty, it is estimated, sat down at the table, and while some were eating, others repaired to the Odd Fellows Lodge room, where good singing and music were provided. The entire proceedings were admirably planned and well carried out, and the occasion will be often referred to in the memory of those present with feelings of joy and pleasure.

PERSONAL.—We had a call on Friday last from Mr. Jacob Wolvorton, of South Bend, who, with his lady, spent Christmas in our village. Mr. Wolvorton, before leaving South Bend on Christmas, witnessed the test of the water works, and reported that they more than met the expectations of the friends of the stand pipe. He thinks the water works one of the most important and beneficial improvements that has ever yet been made in that city.

THE profits on kerosene in this town are immense, or else they sell in other places at a great sacrifice. Which? EVERY boy in town is out with his sled and all seem to have gay times. It is all right so long as they do not jump on other people's sleds as they pass. There is nothing that shows ill breeding and contemptible meanness more than this practice.

THE merry sleigh bells can be heard in our village most any hour of the day or night of late. The people are making good use of the sleighing. SEVERAL parties must have had a merry Christmas night in our Village Prison. Whisky was the cause of their imprisonment, of course. If it were not for liquor our jails and poor houses would be poorly patronized.

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