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THE CIVIL SERVICE. It is well known and generally conceded that Civil Service Reform as has been practiced is a failure, so far as improving the character and efficiency of the service is concerned.

THE STRONG GROUND IS TAKEN IN THE ARTICLE REFERRED TO that civil officers ought to be supporters of the Administration. This is the same ground that the Record has maintained ever since the question has been agitated.

THE WRITER OF THE REPUBLICAN ARTICLE says most truthfully: "If a constitutional provision were to secure a permanent office tenure, so that the civil service would lose its representative and political character, the nation would fall into the hands of a bureaucracy."

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THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION, needs the gravest attention of the National Legislature. Means must be provided whereby the West may secure a reasonable compensation for their products, without all the profits being consumed by transportation.

THE SPANISH REBELS GONE. For some time it has been apparent to the close observers that the Spanish Republic could not long survive.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY—Organization of County Council. Pursuant to a call of the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, a delegate meeting of Patrons of Husbandry, consisting of one delegate from each range in Berrien and Cass Counties, assembled in the Grange Hall in Niles at 10 A. M., Dec. 29th, and was called to order by the Chairman, Freeman Franklin.

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS COUNCIL shall be as follows: An annual meeting and three quarterly meetings to be held at such places as may be designated by the Council and its Trustees—the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January at 10 o'clock A. M. and the quarterly meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of April, July, and October, in each year, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED AND ADOPTED: All changes in Cass County were by a unanimous vote invited to participate in the benefits which may accrue to this Council, from any business arrangements made until such times as they may organize a County Council.

BUCHANAN, Dec. 30th, 1873. Freeman Franklin of Bertrand, was elected business agent for the Council. His P. O. address, Buchanan, Mich.

THE STEAM SAW AND FLOURING MILLS of Powell, Houck & Co., at Lawton, were destroyed by fire last Friday. The loss will reach \$16,000. No insurance. The mill was built from contributions from the citizens. Origin of the fire not known.

THE ABORIGINALS. The following appears from Schoolcraft, in "Jimmerson's Early Sketches of Michigan." As it pertains to this county and its early history, it will be of interest to many of our readers.

THE EYE, the broad high forehead; in fact the entire expression of his face indicated thought, mildness, forbearance; rather than war, rapine and bloodshed; in other words he seemed more of the sagacious lawyer than the swift footed warrior.

THE NILES REPUBLICAN SAYS: The City Marshal captured a couple of black-legs at St. Joseph recently, but lacked evidence sufficient to punish them, or to commit them for trial.

THE NILES DEMOCRAT SAYS: The following persons were elected officers of Niles Grange No. 9, P. H., on Saturday, Dec. 27th: Wm. B. Davis, Master; Cyrus Gillett, Overseer; George S. Hopkins, Lecturer; Samuel Thomson, Chaplain; James Miller, Steward; Joel Gillett, Assistant Steward; Mrs. A. Correll, Ceres; Mrs. J. W. Pool, Pomona; Mrs. O. P. Drury, Flora; Miss Virginia Gitchell, Assistant Stewt; Charles Potter, Gate Keeper; O. W. Ballard, Treasurer; W. J. Edwards, Sec'y.

THE ST. JOSEPH HERALD SAYS: Floating ice appeared this week across the Harbor, for the first time this season. Sleighing was good on New Year's day and our people were about in large numbers to enjoy it.

STATE ITEMS. A terrible calamity occurred in Volina, about two miles south of Nicholsville, last Wednesday, Christmas Eve. Mr. Irving Jefferies and wife were visiting about five miles north of Decatur, but were expected home that evening.

THE HARTFORD 'DAILY SPRING' has among its marriage notices the following: "Also on Christmas day at the old homestead of the bride, Mr. James Fish of Grass Lake, to Mrs. Harriet Fish of West Lawrence, at the age of 78, and his bride 22 years of age."

AKOTA CORRESPONDENCE. Our readers were good. Game has been plenty, such as chickens, grouse, ducks, Jack rabbits, antelope, deer and wild turkeys, so the settlers have plenty of meat.

MARRIAGES. Dec. 24th, 1873, at the residence of the bridegroom's father, in St. Joseph, Mr. LOUIS C. MARSHALL, and Miss LIDA C. HESS, late of Buchanan.

DEATHS. Dec. 26, 1873, at the residence of the bridegroom's father, in St. Joseph, Mr. LOUIS C. MARSHALL, and Miss LIDA C. HESS, late of Buchanan.

THE COUNTY PRESS. THE NILES REPUBLICAN SAYS: The City Marshal captured a couple of black-legs at St. Joseph recently, but lacked evidence sufficient to punish them, or to commit them for trial.

BUCHANAN PRICES CURRENT. Corn, white, per bushel, 80¢; Flour, white, per barrel, 12.00; Pork, dressed, per hundred, 10.00; Lard, per hundred, 10.00; Butter, per hundred, 10.00; Eggs, per dozen, 10.00; Chickens, per dozen, 10.00; Turkeys, per dozen, 10.00; Geese, per dozen, 10.00; Ducks, per dozen, 10.00; Hens, per dozen, 10.00; Poultry, per dozen, 10.00; Fish, per dozen, 10.00; Game, per dozen, 10.00; Vegetables, per dozen, 10.00; Fruits, per dozen, 10.00; Canned goods, per dozen, 10.00; Dry goods, per dozen, 10.00; Hardware, per dozen, 10.00; Miscellaneous, per dozen, 10.00.

SPECIAL NOTICES. MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD. On and after Monday, Nov. 4, 1873, all trains on the Michigan Central Railroad stopping at Buchanan, Mich., will run as follows:

CHICAGO & MICH. L. SHORR R. R. On and after Monday, Nov. 4, 1873, trains will run as follows:

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that distressing and dangerous complaint, Consumption, wishes to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of recovery.

ERRORS OF YOUTH. A Clergyman, while residing in South America, as a missionary, discovered a safe and simple remedy for the cure of Consumption, Pleurisy, Dropsy, and all the effects of Rheumatism, Gout, and all the ailments of the chest, lungs, and throat.

A Mrs. Devine, living about two miles east of Holly, on the turnpike, suicided Sunday afternoon, by hanging herself in the barn. —Tenton Gazette, Dec. 23.

—We learn from the Manitowish Standard that Wm. J. McDonald, a bookkeeper, committed suicide in that place on the 20th ult. No cause is assigned for the act.

—Tuesdays—Roswell Hart saw a striped snake crawling in the woods, as keen and lively, as if it were a sunny day in summer time. —Hartford Day Spring, Dec. 27.

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HAIR VEGETABLE SILLICIAN HAIR RENEWER. Every year increases the popularity of this valuable Hair Preparation; which is due to merit alone. We can assure our old patrons, that it will keep fully up to its high standard; and it is the only reliable and perfect preparation for restoring Gray or Faded Hair to its youthful color, making it soft, lustrous, and silken.

Buckingham's Dye FOR THE WHISKERS. As our Renewer in many cases requires too long a time, and too much care, to restore gray or faded Whiskers, we have prepared this dye, in one preparation, which will quickly and effectually accomplish this result. It is easily applied, and produces a color which will neither rub nor wash off. Sold by all Druggists. Price Fifty Cents. Manufactured by R. P. HALL & CO., RABEAU, N.Y.

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Farm for Sale. THE subscriber offers for sale his farm of 151 acres, situated in Green Bush, Chikaming County, Wis., on the west side of the Wisconsin River, about 100 miles from Chicago. The location is a very desirable one, and is one of the best fruit farms in the West. The soil is rich and fertile, and the water is pure and sweet. The premises are only 25 miles from the city of Chicago, and are well adapted for a country residence. For full particulars call at the premises or send for a circular to J. J. ROE, 151 Green Bush, Wis.

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

RELIGIOUS.—The protracted meetings at the Oak Street Chapel continue until Wednesday of this week, and arrangements may be made to continue the meetings during the remainder of the week.

NEW TROY.—The dam at New Troy has been repaired and Mr. Morley informs us that his grist mill is again in running order.

WHISKY was very loud on our streets for a while last Friday, and created considerable excitement. The Marshal was in good demand and was needed, but happened to be in some other part of the village at the time.

WOOD is plenty and price reasonable. There will be several hundred cords less required in our village this winter than was used last winter.

CHURCH COURT.—Adjourned term of Circuit Court for this County commences on Tuesday of next week, Jan. 13th.

EGGS.—By the number of eggs in our market we conclude that the hens have "reseeded." They yet command a good price, however, retailing at 25 cents per dozen.

BROWN will sell furniture, for the next twenty days, at wholesale prices. VENUS is now the morning star until Feb. 6th. Saturn is the evening star until Jan. 28th.

WANT of actual knowledge about advertising has wrecked scores of men, and it will continue to wreck them until such information as will give a practical utility is obtained.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—Week of Prayer is being observed. Union prayer meetings were held at the Presbyterian Church, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and the remaining evenings of the week they will be held at the M. E. Church.

RUNAWAYS.—We had two runaways in town Tuesday. One was the team of Mr. Orvis, hitched to a buggy that came through town from the east at a very moderate pace with no one in the buggy.

NOTICE.—Township Treasurers can get tax receipts printed at this office on short notice. Send in your orders.

EDUCATIONAL.—According to the last report of County Superintendents of Schools, Michigan contains 5,640 school houses.

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.

THE Lansing Republican truly says that the greatest blessing to a man during the financial panic is a wife who has sense enough to comprehend the situation and who regulates the family expenditures accordingly.

BACK AGAIN.—We understand that Mr. B. Jarvis, of our village, has repurchased his old farm in the "Bend of the River," and has the firm determination never again to part therewith.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The merchants of this village as a general thing have a right to be advertised in the Record. They have the assurance of many of them that their money used in this way has been well invested.

BEST BOOK FOR EVERYBODY.—The new illustrated edition of Webster's Dictionary, containing three thousand engravings, is the best book for everybody that the press has produced in the present century.

THE people generally are in favor of repelling the law requiring postage on weekly papers in the county where they are published, and also the law requiring postage on exchanges.

THE REPUBLIC, published by The Republic Publishing Company, Washington, D. C. With January number now before us, The Republic enters upon its twenty-ninth year.

Proceedings of the Common Council of the Village of Buchanan. At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Buchanan, held Friday, Jan. 2, 1874.

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Foot, the Great Scotch Painter. One of the best painters of the present day is Thomas Fied, of the Royal Academy.

Centaur Liniment. There is no pain which the Centaur Liniment will not relieve, no swelling it will not subside, and no lameness which it will not cure.

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