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The Stereotyped Smile.

Beware of man or woman with a fixed smile. Trust the most hideous scowler before the being who goes about with an angelic grin...

A Fourteen Year Old Boy Shoots His Grandfather.

From the Belleville (Kansas) Telegraph. Mr. James Rambo, living on Elk creek, in this county, was murdered on the night of Nov. 1.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 1874.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

There has been no little surprise over the country, both East and West, at the nomination of Hon. Caleb Cushing, by the President, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is generally believed that Mr. Cushing is opposed to the spirit of the political legislation of Congress for the last dozen years. It is well known that, during the long and sad war that raged between anti-slavery elements and the pro-slavery advocates of this country, Mr. Cushing was constantly on the side of the oppressor.

It is generally understood that the President is not particular about the matter, as Mr. Cushing was not his particular candidate, and it will therefore be no marked antagonism to the Administration to refuse his confirmation.

THE SALARY QUESTION.

Congress has at last, after this long delay, repealed the Salary bill, except so far as it applies to the President and Justices of the Supreme Court.

The lesson in this salary question is one of great moment as illustrative of the power of the people, expressed principally through the press, the mouth-piece of American freemen.

On New Year's night, a dwelling house in Charles Arnold, living two miles north of Lawton, Michigan, was destroyed by fire.

Christmas.

DEAR RECORD.—Before another weekly visit of the Record to the happy homes and families of its many readers, there will have been celebrated throughout all lands the eighteenth hundred and seventy-third anniversary of the birth of one born in a manger, in Bethlehem of Judea!

As we hear the merry shouts of children, we think of our own returns of the merry Christmas times spent around the old fireside at home, with brothers and sisters, sharing in common the joys that always come in this halcyon day.

Now a wanderer, we feel too keenly the loss of all these—and in the lonely solitude of our own thoughts, when we think of the weary round of life, of blighted hopes, the ever ceaseless rolling years that shall ever come and go, never bringing back to us the joys, merry, ringing laugh of loved ones whose lives went out so soon, there comes at times a "swelling at the heart" as we wander—alone it may be, and uncare for. Let us try and make the way lighter and easier for some who may have struggled harder than we, and the world the better for our having lived in it.

The Currency.

A short time since there was published a statement of the local taxes paid by the people of the State of Ohio during the year 1872; that is, of the State, county, and municipal tax, exclusive of internal revenue.

On Friday night of last week, the dwelling house of Mr. McManie, in the township of East Dayton, some five miles east from Lawton, Mich., was completely destroyed, burning to death the entire family, consisting of Mr. McManie, his wife and child.

On Friday of last week a little son of Mrs. Babcock about two years old, and grandson of Mr. John Parker of the town of Flint, accidentally fell into a kettle of scalding water.

lapse of time. As well try to fix the number of yardsticks or half-bushel measures required by the people, and make the whole fixed and unchangeable. Let Congress pass a law which shall leave the currency as free as water, to adjust itself to the wants of business.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE, Jan. 5.—The bill to repeal the bankrupt law was reported with amendments. The House bill to establish the compensation of Senators, Representatives and Delegates was reported with the amendments reported, striking out the first three sections and substituting therefor sections repealing the act of March 3, 1873, and fixing the salary as it was prior to the passage of that act.

HOUSE, Jan. 5.—Bills were introduced for the appointment of a commission of three persons on the subject of wages and hours of labor and division of profits between labor and capital in the United States, and the social, educational, and sanitary condition of the various classes, and how the same are affected by the existing laws for the regulation of commerce, finance, and currency.

The Current.

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official postage stamps; also a communication from the same office in regard to expenses incurred in the construction of railroads and canals. The Salary bill was again taken up and an amendment adopted.

HOUSE, Jan. 8.—The House went into committee of the whole on the Naval Appropriation bill, which appropriates \$10,955,536, and discussed it at some length, when the House adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 9.—A memorial was presented from the National Board of Trade for a commission consisting of the Attorney General and seven merchants, bankers and manufacturers, to revise the Bankrupt law, also for a National system of quarantine.

HOUSE, Jan. 12.—Sundry petitions were presented asking that women be allowed to vote or that the same rights be extended to them as to colored men. The House bill passed to establish various post-roads. Bills were introduced codifying the several laws, relating to wharves that they respectively regulate the beds of navigable lakes and other bodies of water.

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TO CONSUMPTIVES. Desires to Purchase Hair, SWITCHES! CURLS! MORTGAGE SALE.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT THE Close of Business, Friday, December 26th, 1873.

TAKEN UP. ORGANS, PIANOS. W SHOE SHOP REPAIRING.

Fourth Grand Gift Concert PUBLIC LIBRARY OF KENTUCKY FULL DRAWING.

INSURANCE AGENCY, Buchanan, Michigan. D. A. WAGNER.

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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY.

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To Advertisers. Record is the best Advertising in South-western Michigan, having the circulation of any other this part of the State.

Agents. Revell & Co., of East Row, N. Y., and S. M. Pettigall, 37 East Row, N. Y., are our authorized agents to contract for advertising at our lowest rates, for the columns of the BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD.

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HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX has been in town for several days past attending the bedside of his step-father, Mr. Matthews, whose life has been despaired of. Mr. Colfax has given up several engagements to deliver addresses on account of the illness of Mr. Matthews, whose death we regret to say is imminent at any moment. Everything has been done, the best physicians in the country in attendance, but the hand of the destroyer cannot be stayed. At present writing, Wednesday morning, ten o'clock, he is still breathing, but little hopes of life continuing through the day.

DISSOLUTION.—Notice is hereby given that the firm of Mrs. Fox & Wood is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Millinery business will hereafter be carried on at the old place of business, first door north of the Bank, Buchanan, by Miss Emma Wood. Mrs. W. H. Fox, Miss Emma Wood, Jan. 12, 1874.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The Circuit Court for this County is now in session, his Honor, Judge Coolidge, presiding. The Calendar for this term is as large, or perhaps the largest that has ever been for any term. It contains in all 118 cases, as follows: 11 Criminal; 97 Issues of Fact; 1 Issue of Law; 9 Chancery Causes. Our attorneys, Mr. J. J. Van Ripper and Mr. E. M. Plimpton, are represented as attorneys on thirty-three of these cases.

WRITING CLASS.—Prof. J. A. Jones holds his Writing Class in Roe's Hall every Tuesday evening. He also has a day class on each Saturday, from 10 A. M. till noon. His terms are reasonable, being \$2.00 for sixteen lessons. Those wishing to improve their penmanship should attend Mr. Jones' Writing Academy.

WE have had very little snow this winter and only a few days of sleighing. It is a singularly open winter thus far for this latitude. The oldest inhabitant, etc.

THE State Missionary Convention will meet at Battle Creek, Jan. 20th.

OYSTERS at Kinyon's, from 25 to 40 cents per can, warranted.

SERENADING GROUPE.—The Buchanan Serenading Groupe intended to start yesterday for a short visit to our young friend Salua Barnore, at Mokeno, Ill. We trust the "boys" may all have a good time and enjoy themselves highly.

DOG LICENSE.—Town Clerks can get blank Dog License books at the RECORD OFFICE.

IN TOWN.—We noticed our former citizen, Mr. G. W. Bligh, of Niles, in town the other day.

GAMBLERS.—We noticed the other day an edition of gamblers and blacklegs had arrived. We trust that they will be dealt with as the law provides.

RUBBER GOODS of all kinds, or anything in the shoe line, at Noble's, cheap for cash.

WE solicit items from all parts of the County for our local columns.

IF you want Circulairs, If you want Handbills, If you want nice Letter Heads, If you want printed Envelopes, If you want Business Cards, If you want Bill Heads or Statements,

IF you want any kind of job printing, plain or in colors, leave your orders at the RECORD OFFICE.

IF you want to advertise, remember that the RECORD has double the circulation of any paper in the County.

THE small number of Sheriff Sale notices we are now publishing does not indicate very hard times.

LATEST.—Some prospects for sleighing. It has been snowing, and only a little more snow required to make good sleighing.

GRAND LODGE.—The Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Michigan meets on Tuesday, Jan. 27th.

OVER 100 hogs have been packed in C since Nov. 1st.

KNOWN next twenty furniture, for the sale, wholesale or private.

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

KEEP DRY.—A certain minister, on leaving home, sent his sermons in a box marked "Keep Dry." They kept dry and will forever remain so.

MANY parties who have sought to take advantage of the bankrupt law neglect to get their final certificate of discharge. This is a very important matter, as the repeal of the bankrupt law may prevent the Clerk from issuing any certificate in such cases.

THE STORES and business places have agreed to close at 7 P. M., at least during the present week, to give those who desire an opportunity of attending the meetings that are in progress. The plan is an admirable one, and besides showing a good spirit in this instance, is satisfactory in every respect.

OUR to the printer—many dollars has his debtors never intend to pay "You know how it is yourself."

CIRCUIT COURT.—Circuit Court is now in session, having convened on Monday last, Judge Coolidge presiding.

THIRTY YEARS.—We are indebted for an agreeable surprise on Monday evening last, the anniversary of our fortieth birth day, to the goodness and thoughtfulness of mine "hosts," Mrs. Bolton, in providing a splendid supper, and inviting in a few neighbors and friends to commemorate with us the occasion, for all of which we tender our sincere thanks. We enjoyed the occasion, though we always like to know such things beforehand. Nevertheless, long may Mrs. B. live to get up many more good suppers, as we know she understands just how that thing is done.—SENTRY Ed.

RELIGIOUS.—Meetings every night this week at the M. E. Church, the different Churches of the village uniting in these services.

READING MATTER.—Our readers cannot complain on account of the amount of reading matter now given them in the RECORD. Our space usually given to advertisements is not occupied at present, but it will not be so long, as a county paper cannot live without the advertising patronage which it usually receives.

How many "would be poets" in the world, and what attempts they do make to relieve themselves of the imaginary poetical fit that almost comes of us if nine-tenths of the stuff that has been written and termed poetry should be destroyed? A person who is not gifted should be fined heavily, and imprisoned for life, who dares attempt to persecute the public with nonsensical effusions that disgust everybody who has any taste for genuine poetry.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Eldon Sparks left Buchanan Monday last for Cheyenne, Wyoming, to take a position in the First National Bank of that city. Eldon has had considerable practical experience in banking, and we doubt not will be able to fill the place assigned him satisfactorily and with distinction. Our best wishes go with him to his new field of labor.

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A RULE.—Advertising manifests a liberal spirit, and is reliable evidence of business capacity. If a merchant is too parsimonious to invite you to his store through the paper, and to induce you to trade with him by offering superior bargains that will increase his trade and enable him to do business on small profits, you can be assured that the same disposition will be manifested in his dealings with his customers, and he will ask the highest prices for his goods.

FIRE ENGINE.—The engine was taken out Tuesday, on the alarm of fire being given, and although not needed, before putting her back into the engine house her condition was ascertained by actual demonstration. Everything worked satisfactorily, and efficient service can be done at a fire should one occur.

COURT.—We learn that the case of the People vs. Alexander Crays, for murder, the particulars of which were given in the RECORD some weeks since, was commenced in the Circuit Court on Tuesday of this week.

INSTALLATION.—The following are the officers of Dayton Lodge No. 214, I. O. O. F., installed on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th.

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THE DEMOCRAT.—The Niles Democrat goes off tremendously in its last issue relative to County finances. It is right to study economy, but at the same time it should be posted before making such broad assertions. The Democrat says that "order No. 175, for \$147.50 voted to Wagner & Kingery for printing." While we do not doubt that Wagner & Kingery did the work, we do not believe the County responsible for its payment. Now we know if the Editors of the Democrat had looked over Wagner & Kingery's bill for printing they would never have made any such assertion. The County was responsible for its payment, and every item thereof was clearly a charge against the County. One little item in that bill was already, through a faithful Clerk, been the means of conveying into the County Treasury over \$400, if we have been correctly informed. We mean \$2.50 notifying attorneys that the entrance fees for all cases must be paid according to the provisions of law. We may have occasion to refer to the article again in a future issue of the RECORD, as well as to the general subject of economy.

PEOPLE very generally are complaining of hard times. This disposition of the people has almost become a habit. The prices offered for produce and the amount marketed would not indicate very hard times compared with the earlier history of our country, when corn sold for 12 and 15 cts. per bushel, wheat for 35 and 40 cts., pork for \$2 per hundred, and everything in proportion. Besides, the people in this locality have nearly all their grain 20 and 30 miles to market. Now wheat is \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bushel, potatoes \$1.00, corn 50 cts., every article of produce commands a good price and nearly every farmer has to spare. If the people now would practice half the economy that was common in those days and not spend so much for dress and appearances, with their superior advantages for making money they could all become wealthy. It was not intended that it should be this way, and it is perhaps better as it is, so there is no need of complaining or finding fault.

PROCEEDINGS OF CIRCUIT COURT.—Below we give in brief the proceedings of the Circuit Court up to Tuesday morning. Judgments taken on default in the following cases: The Woodburn Street Wheel Co. vs. Elijah Murray, for \$679.96 and costs. The same vs. same, for \$487.96 and costs. Joseph Stiles vs. David Bonnell and Theodore Pow, for \$239.16 and costs. James H. Redden vs. Aaron Weaver, for \$711.84 and costs. John R. Webb vs. Henry W. Gustin and Wm. L. Durry, for \$252.71 and costs. In the case of Albertina Keyser vs. Rudolph Keyser, and the case of Harriet Barrett vs. Sidney J. Barrett, divorce, were denied in both cases. In two cases of the People vs. Charles Jacobs, (both cases for larceny from store in day time), the defendant plead "not guilty." Also in the case of People vs. Wm. Weckler, for larceny, a plea of "not guilty" was entered.

HOME TRADE.—Patronize your own town. This applies as well to the farming community as to the residents of the village. Do your trading at home and help to sustain home institutions. This is for the best interest of farmers as well as merchants and all business men. The first questions asked when a piece of land is offered for sale is, "How near is it to a market? How large is the nearest town?" and the answer to these questions often fixes the value of the farm. What if there were no towns between here and Chicago, what would the value of the land be? Not much more than the stores of this village, if there were no farmers in Berrien County. The interests of farmers and merchants are mutual, and they should labor for each other's interest. No man of sense or conscience will go away from home or trade unless he knows his own merchants are not disposed to deal fairly with him.

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A VISIT TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5. BERRIEN SPRINGS, Jan. 10, 1874. BERRIEN RECORD.—You lately published a school report from Dist. No. 5, Buchanan Tp., known as the Colvin School, W. J. Jones, teacher. I have visited that school, and wish to say a few words about it. The District has a class of good farmers, many of them having fine farm houses, and well conditioned surroundings. The school house is a good one, well furnished with maps, charts and appliances of teaching and learning. The list of textbooks, as recommended by the Co. Board, has been adopted, and to the present great satisfaction of parents, pupils and teacher. I remained half a day in the school, many of the parents being present. Found 68 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of nearly 50. Mr. Jones is an experienced teacher, educated at the Mount Union Seminary, Ohio, where I have the honor of having given him instruction, for a time, 27 years ago. With a good deal of a passion for his own profession, he has taught long and well. "As is the teacher, so is the school," is an educational maxim, which has been verified in the varied condition of that school for some terms past. I first noted the moral and educational tone of the school, and I pronounce it admirable. Attentive, studious, quiet, cheerful. "Attention is the price paid for all knowledge," and "Not how much but how well," were enunciated and exemplified that afternoon. I would do silent injustice if I did not mention the fine bearing of young ladies and gentlemen who are pupils in that school. Mr. Jones informed me it was "easy to teach such," which I will know, and am well assured would be very hard for a poor teacher to attempt to do so. Mr. Jones, with a cheerful and noble pride, examined his class of twenty who read in "Putnam's Blonction," showing what he and the class had been able to do and learn in the science and art of Reading, in six weeks, using only the share of time proper in school in that department. They illustrated proper and improper attitudes and postures of reading in school or in public; recited the Five Great Rules of Reading, which they stated in fourteen words; also The Rule for Reading all Poetry; defined expression; illustrated some of the sixteen characteristics of Reading and Speaking, and showed how they appreciated the difference between Rhetorical and Grammatical expression. Mr. J. then read with his class, in application of the principles they had stated, "Rum's Mania," a piece so complicated as to require the best rhetorical and dramatic talent to give it full expression. The teacher read with his class separately and in concert, to guide and correct their manner and expression by his own, somewhat as vocal music is taught. To show that such an exercise is not mere show, but how much and directly it cultivates the voice, confidence, articulation and manner of expression for independent reading and speaking, Mr. J. called on several members of the class to read separately specimens of various styles of thought and composition, to prove how they were learning to apply the principles taught in the book and illustrated by the living teacher. In this they succeeded admirably, and showed themselves on the direct road to beautiful reading. Then the whole school read in concert, guided by the teacher's voice and manner. This was an exercise that made the little fellows' eyes sparkle. Many remarks of a moral and moral nature, whose chief merit seemed to be that they came from the heart—were made that afternoon by the visitors. In that school is a pupil who is a man of family, preparing himself for a public reader and speaker. I noticed there a young man, a pupil, whose name is Teach, his lower limbs having been withered in his childhood by disease. In that body was a fine brain, and, judging from his good moral bearing, I think in his breast beats a noble heart. The teacher and the whole school seemed to treat him with great kindness, caused not so much I learn, from sympathy, as merit.

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