





The Berrien County Record.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 25, 1875

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comprehend it or have a correct understanding of the condition of affairs at all times, no sane person will admit for a moment. Take, for example, the reported reduction of the national debt during the past years. Everybody knows that the public debt has not been reduced to the amount reported. There has been a disposition to blind the people, to cover up and smooth over matters of fact as they actually existed. No doubt the debt was nominally reduced at the time to the extent reported, but it was accomplished by withholding money that should have been used for the most important purposes, and to-day the fact is apparent that our burdensome taxation is not adequate to meet the current expenses of the Government. What is to be done? Increase taxation? The people will not consent to this so long as Congress appropriates millions of dollars for purposes not absolutely necessary, and with apparently as little concern for the amount expended as though we were free from debt and the exchequer of the nation overflowing with currency.

Republicanism is now being put to the severest test. If the citizens of this nation prove to be capable of self-government, their views as clearly manifested in regard to economy and retrenchment in the expenses of the Government will be regarded and carried out in the future. If they will not be obeyed, then our Government will assume one of the worst forms of tyranny and oppression, and not be deserving of the name of a Republic.

Lausling Correspondence.

Feb. 20, 1875.

MR. EDITOR:—We are at this date probably about half through this legislative session, with the prospect before us that the remainder will furnish plenty of hard work.

The members having returned from their excursion, during which they visited the various institutions of this State, evince a disposition to enter upon the prosecution of their legislative duties with a determination that bids fair to accomplish a great if not a good work.

It is surprising when an amount of legislative work there is accomplished in a few months. Some of this, doubtless, is due to the fact that, in a large part of it, is necessary, especially so in a thirteenth, growing and prosperous State like ours. Many of the acts, to be sure, require subsequent revision or amendment, but this is to be expected. For aside from the fact of hasty legislation, there is a constant and growing demand for legislative work. This demand is based partly, at least, upon the increase of population, the settlement of lands hitherto uncultivated, the incorporation of counties and townships, the incorporation of cities, the establishment of benevolent and charitable institutions, the necessary control, within certain limits, of all monopolies, the importance of encouraging agricultural and mechanical interests, and in securing the general prosperity.

There is, perhaps, no better place to study human nature than within the legislative assembly. Here, as elsewhere, we have all kinds of temperaments, and it is here that we see the ardor of youth, the full developed powers of manhood, and the characteristic caution of old age, all of which is good in its place, each working harmoniously with the others to secure the best interests of the State.

Politically, we have Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. These three elements are, at times, warlike, belligerent, aggressive, actually brawling with rage and eager for the fray, then quickly subsiding into a tranquil peace, reminding one of the prophetic era when the "lion shall lie down with the lamb" and Eden be fully restored.

We are not of that class who think that peace and quiet are always preferable. There are times when it becomes necessary to purify the political atmosphere, and to do this may require, as in the physical world, thunder, lightning, storms of rain, hail, snow and wind, when the agitation of the elements and the letting loose of nature's forces may seem to preface the "wreck of matter and the crash of worlds."

But hitherto the good that has resulted from these storms and revolutions has outweighed the evil. These upheavals in the political world are necessary to the general prosperity. Political parties rise and fall without materially disturbing or endangering the institutions of our common country.

There is a destiny for our country and our race which no mortal, no event can reverse. What may appear to us, to-day, to be a thing of chance, may, under the direction and control of a higher power, be part of a plan, the completion of which will develop a symmetry of parts and a completeness and perfection of the whole, more glorious than has ever been conceived by the united wisdom of man.

Our confidence, then, in the stability of these institutions, does not rest altogether upon the wisdom of man, but on the wisdom, power and purpose of a Being who is above all. One whose presence scans the future as well as the past, to whom there are no contingencies, but who governs "all things after the counsels of his own will," directing all to a glorious and successful issue.

F. H. B.

Insanity.

MR. EDITOR:—I gave you a brief note of a call at the State Asylum, last week. I now call your attention to the report of the State Commissioners on Lunacy in Massachusetts on this subject:

"The report of the State Commissioners on Lunacy develops the fact that for twenty-one years there has been a marked increase of insanity in Massachusetts, disproportionate to the increase of population. This is demonstrated by tables and comparisons, and the report also expresses the opinion that we have reason to apprehend a still greater increase of insanity unless active measures are taken to arrest its progress by enlightening the public as to its causes. Among the causes ascribed to the increase of insanity among us, are a change in the habits of living, increased habits of temperance, too much indoor work, living in tenements badly ventilated,

the development of the brain at the expense of the body, high-pressure style of living, educational pressure on the young to the neglect of physical exercise, the increasing artificial and unnatural habits of living, and great excitement and competition in business. These and other causes are multiplying nervous diseases, especially of the brain. And so we must conclude that a change from a vigorous, well balanced organization to an undue predominance of the nervous temperament is gradually taking place in our New England people."

What is true in New England is equally true of the West. The excitement and trials of our times is more than many can endure. The mode of living also has something to do with this terrible scourge, while with some it is no doubt hereditary. The weak, and those who have a tendency to insanity should be on their guard—no overdo or expose themselves. A little care and caution, and a look on the sunny side, with good cheer, will often help this class over the danger.

JOSEPH V. HIXSON.

Buchanan, Feb. 22, 1875.

From the Chicago Tribune.

An Extra Session of Congress.

There has arisen a new controversy at Washington. The Democrats last fall elected nearly two-thirds of the next House of Representatives, and were able to make immense gains in the Senate. They are entitled by the popular voice of half-a-million majority to take charge of the legislation of the country. In any other country than this, the Democrats, representing the popular sentiment at the November election, could have taken possession of Congress in December, 1874. Under our laws, however, their official term does not begin until March, and the regular session of Congress will not begin until December next. This Democratic party obtained their majority by professing devotion to a variety of reforms, among which may be enumerated:

1. A retrenchment of expenditures.
2. A reduction of taxes and preservation of the national credit.
3. A reform of the currency.
4. A purification of the Government.
5. A repeal of all subsidies, and a general correction of the tariff.
6. Establishment of peace and harmony between the whites and blacks in the South, with perfect protection to the civil and political rights of the latter.

The people elected the Democrats to carry out these promises and pledges, and we think they ought to have the fullest and earliest opportunity to begin the work. We think that strict justice, and a proper respect for the expressed will of the people, demand that the present Congress shall pass a joint resolution providing that the next Congress shall begin its session on the 1st of March, 1875. If the Democrats honestly carry out the measures and redeem the pledges upon which the people elected them, then the whole country is entitled to have the promised blessings at the earliest possible moment. If, on the contrary, the Democrats are an independent Republic. Should the Legislatures of these States continue in the same political complexion as at present, the Democrats would retain all their seats and gain those from Arkansas, Illinois, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Texas, giving them 33 Senators, to 39 Republicans and one Independent. So that even if the Democrats should continue as strong during the next two years as they were in last fall's election the Republicans of the Forty-fifth Congress would still retain a majority in the Senate.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE, February 15.—Mr. Edmunds (Rep. Vt.) from the Judiciary Committee, reported, without amendment, the bill (H. R. 10,000) which was passed by the House of Representatives, and now gave notice that he would call it up at the earliest possible moment, which would be in a day or two. Place upon the calendar. Mr. Pratt gave notice that before the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday next he would move that an evening session be held on the Saturday of that day for the purpose of considering bills from the Committee on Pensions. A message was received from the House announcing the death of Hon. Samuel Hooper, a member of that body, and inviting the Senate to attend his funeral in the hall of the House to-morrow afternoon.

HOUSE, Feb. 15.—The proceedings this morning were of an uninteresting character, under the call of states for bills and resolutions, half a dozen bills, mostly of a private character were introduced for reference. E. R. Hoar (Rep. Mass.) spoke in regard to the death, yesterday morning, of his colleague, Mr. Hooper, and moved resolution for the appointment of a committee of seven to inquire into the funeral ceremonies to be held in the Hall of the House, and that the Senate be notified and invited to attend. The motion was adopted. The House then, as a further mark of respect for the deceased, adjourned.

SENATE, Feb. 15.—The credentials of A. T. Faddock, United States Senator from Nebraska, were read and placed on file. Numerous petitions of druggists were presented for the repeal of that portion of the internal revenue laws known as schedule "C." The Senate Judiciary Committee having been directed by the Senate to report what the meaning and effect of the act of Congress, passed June 22d 1874, submitted a report to-day expressing their opinion that the act of June 22d, 1874, is not in their opinion obnoxious to any criticism and in respect of the crime of libel it confers no power either to bring a person charged with it into the District of Columbia or send him out of the country.

HOUSE, Feb. 15.—At twelve o'clock the bill for the reorganization of the Treasury Department was taken up, the House being in committee on the whole. Mr. Young offered an amendment requiring the appointments of the department to be distributed among the States and Territories in proportion to the population. Agreed to and the bill passed. The bill making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government was reported. The bill appropriates \$37,750 for engraving and printing certificates of the centennial stock for the international exhibition; also \$505,000 to enable the executive departments and the Smithsonian Institution to participate in the exhibition; and repeals the proviso that the sums hereby appropriated shall cover the entire expenses to which the United States shall be subjected on account of the exhibition. Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Elections, reported a bill, proposing an amendment to the Constitution in reference to the election of President and Vice President.

SENATE, Feb. 15.—The Senate by a vote of 91 yeas and 25 nays, reconsidered the vote by which the bill to grant a title for the Peabody school, in St. Augustine, Florida, was passed a few days ago. Mr. Boutwell said he was opposed to the bill as it now stood, because it excluded colored children. At the expiration of the morning hour the consideration of the bill for the admission of Pinckback was resumed. Mr. Morton requested the Senate to stay here without adjournment until the question was disposed of. At 1:30 a. m. Mr. Hager was still speaking, with no probability of a vote to-night. A motion to adjourn was defeated at 1:15 by 11 to 30.

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have the opportunity of meeting, and proceeding at once to the work of reform. Let the country have the satisfaction of knowing that they made no mistake at the election last fall, or the opportunity, in case they find that they did make such a mistake, of correcting it at the next election.

From the Detroit Tribune.

The United States Senate.

The last of the Senatorial elections, for the Forty-fourth Congress was completed last week by the choice of Judge McMillan to succeed Alexander Ramsey as Senator from Minnesota. The completion of the elections is timely, as the President has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate to assemble on the 5th of March.

The Senate will be divided politically as follows: Republicans 43, Democrats 28, Independent Republicans 2, vacancy 1. The vacancy is the seat from Louisiana, for which Pinckback and McMillan are contestants. The two Independent Republicans are both of California, and Hamilton of Texas, who will probably vote with the Republicans on most questions involving political issues. This will give the Republicans a majority of 17. Probably never before has so large a number of new men entered the Senate at one time. Of the twenty-five members whose terms expire, but four Senators Hamilton, Edmunds, Thurman and Bayard—have been re-elected; and of the 21 others but four so far as we know, have been re-elected in Congress. Two of these, Messrs. Johnson and Dawes, have had a long Congressional experience, but that of the other two gentlemen, Messrs. Kernan and McDonald, is limited to a single term each in the House of Representatives, years ago.

It will be seen that the Senate will remain strongly Republican during the Forty-fifth Congress. The changes which will occur two years from this time already begin to attract attention, and a statement as to them will be of interest. Of the 25 Senators whose terms expire in 1877, 15 are Republicans, viz: Clayton of Arkansas, Logan of Illinois, Wright of Iowa, Harvey of Kansas, West of Louisiana, Morrill of Maine, Boutwell of Massachusetts, Ferry of Michigan, Sherman of New York, Sherman of Nebraska, Oregon, of New Hampshire, Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Anthony of Rhode Island, Robertson of South Carolina, and Howe of Wisconsin; nine are Democrats, viz: Goldwaite of Alabama; Saulsbury of Delaware, Norwood of Georgia, Stevenson of Kentucky, Ransom of North Carolina, Kelley of Oregon, Cooper of Tennessee, Johnston of Virginia, Davis of West Virginia; and one, Hamilton of Texas, is an Independent Republican. Should the Legislatures of these States continue in the same political complexion as at present, the Democrats would retain all their seats and gain those from Arkansas, Illinois, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Texas, giving them 33 Senators, to 39 Republicans and one Independent. So that even if the Democrats should continue as strong during the next two years as they were in last fall's election the Republicans of the Forty-fifth Congress would still retain a majority in the Senate.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

From the Laporte Argus.

The ice in the lakes is about two feet thick.

We have not had a first-class lecture in the city this winter.

The scarlet fever prevails among the children in different parts of the country.

Some of the papers of the State, and even some of the local papers, are circulating the report that Laporte county has a debt of \$60,000. The statement is too high by about one-half.

Mr. G. C. Stevens died on Friday last and was buried on Sunday. Mr. S. was probably as far advanced in years as any inhabitant of our place, being in his 90th year.

From the South Bend Tribune.

Judge Turner is the man who should be selected to look up the north pole. He has gone all winter in his usual summer suit, with the addition of flannels only; has not worn overcoats or gloves, nor bothered himself about an overcoat. He has been out in the open air almost constantly all winter, occasionally riding long distances, and says he has never once experienced any discomforts from cold.

A good many sleigh-loads of stone have been coming into town for the past few days, to be used in repairing the dam.

Trustee Skinner paid out \$6.20 railroad fare for disabled tramps, during the month of January. We hear that during the same month the Trustee at Laporte paid out nearly \$80.

The revival meeting at the First M. E. Church will continue next week by action of the official board and at the desire of the pastor. Up to last night there had been 30 conversions.

Mr. Colfax has just accepted an engagement to deliver his lecture on Lincoln twenty times in New England, in next November, for which he is to receive \$8,000. There is, at the present time, no lecturer so much in demand as he is.

A little scrap of paper was picked up on Washington street, yesterday, which contained the following memoranda, the losing of which has probably caused some absent-minded man a great deal of inconvenience: "Patty pans, post letter, lemons, fetch under stone jar, change shirt, dinner at two, to-day is Thursday." The owner can have the same by calling at this office.

Be careful of your horses this cold weather. Monday a couple of young sports started on a race down Michigan street, but before they had gone far one of the horses dropped dead, overcome by the violent exercise in the frosty air.

Sal Water For The Eyes.

Many persons are suffering from weakness of the eyes. This sometimes proceeds from local inflammation, and sometimes from other causes. Several persons who have been thus afflicted inform us that they have derived almost immediate, and, in some cases, permanent relief from the application of salt water as a bath; and where the pain has been aggravated from a compress saturated with salt water laid on the eyes, and renewed at frequent intervals; Opening the eyes and submerging them in clean salt water, has been found beneficial to those whose eyesight begins to fail.

A colored preacher in South Carolina puts his foot on excessive bribery at election and crushes it. "Din'ting," he says, "wob; \$100 for a vote is all right; \$10 is as much as it is worth!"

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## THE back-bone begins to weaken.

SHERIFF WEIMER was in town last Friday.

The latest thing out our side-walks.

The ground in places is frozen to the depth of four feet.

You can sell the lower part of your thermometer now.

HAVE you got all the water out of your cellar, yet?

PETITIONS are received at our Legislature by the car load.

The Presbyterian Sunday School has purchased a new library.

The salary of Justice of the Supreme Court is \$4,000 per year.

How cold does it have to be to freeze kerosene oil of 160° test?

Our lively stables have been well patronized during the good sleighing.

ANOTHER death reported at Louisville caused by poisoning from wall paper.

FEBRUARY is most gone. We are anxious for its close if warm weather will only be then inaugurated.

SUNDAY last was a beautiful day to enjoy the sleighing, and it was well improved in this village.

Boats are scarce, and if it don't get warm soon we are inclined to think we shall have an eggless Easter.

NOTICE is given that counterfeit 10s on the First National of Philadelphia are in circulation.

The close of the last session of the 43d Congress is near, and we all take a long breath.

GIVE your hens notice that we are going to have an early Easter, and urge them to resume.

It looks as though the District of Columbia was going to be left without a government—just as well, perhaps.

SEVERAL schools in the county have closed their winter term, and all are approaching near the "last day."

EXTRA copies of the Record can be had at the news depot of J. H. Roe, in Union Block.

NEW MEXICO and Colorado, are knocking at the doors of Congress to be admitted as States in the Union.

THE thaw on Monday morning last was welcomed by more than one family in this village who had empty cisterns on hand.

FISHING through the ice is now in order. Some very nice fresh fish have been in the market during the past week.

GET your Job Printing done at the Record office. We have every facility for doing good work, and always at reasonable prices.

It is almost time to get your sap pails in order. Who will be the first man to bring us some maple syrup, on subscription?

OVER two hundred teams are reported to have been in town on Saturday last. It was a good day for trade and business generally.

SATURDAY next is the last day for the payment of taxes in this county. The amount remaining unpaid is not larger than usual.

The next regular term of Circuit Court for Berrien County will commence on the fourth Tuesday of next month.

We publish announcements of deaths and marriages free of charge. Friends are respectfully solicited to furnish us notices of this kind.

TONY vendors in Niles and Laporte are already advertising for customers. The prospects are that ice will sell at a low price the coming season.

Mrs. PARSONS, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Kittie, from Hamilton, Canada, are visiting friends and relatives in this place.

Has this been a mild winter? Nay, verily. This has been the coldest weather and the most of it ever experienced in Michigan.

If any one has a farm map of Berrien county which they wish to dispose of, they can find a purchaser by calling at this office.

REMEMBER the Republican Township Census at the Regine House in this village, on Saturday next. See call elsewhere in this issue.

A BILL is pending before the Legislature of Texas to establish again the whipping post. Are we not retrograding?

WHAT will become of this village if no one can be induced to accept the office of Marshal at the coming election?

Do not be without your county paper. You can have the Record for \$1.50 per year, and no postage to pay within the county.

No school in the rooms on the west side since Tuesday, 16th inst., on account of the cold weather and high winds which have prevailed since that time.

NEXT Monday will be the first day of spring. Will Mr. Winter be allowed to exercise the familiarity with this dandel he did last season? We protest.

SINGLE trains passing through this village within the past two weeks have had from two to four engines attached. The snow-drifts are what necessitated the extra power.

SNOW storms and cold weather have been general topics for newspaper comments of late. Prospects are now favorable for a change. We are having our "January thaw."

UNTIL the recent thaw water has been so scarce in many localities that saloon keepers are reported to have set out a tolerable fair grade of whiskey.

VILLAGE ELECTION.—The regular village election will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd. A. A. President, Recorder, Treasurer, Marshal, and three Trustees, are to be elected.

We would give a list of candidates for the office of Village Marshal, but believe a catalogue of the inhabitants of the village would not be very interesting news to our readers.

The Democratic and Liberal State Convention is to be held at Jackson on Tuesday of next week. The Republican State Convention at the same place on Wednesday following.

BURNARD's recent speech in Congress on the Civil Rights Bill is pronounced by good judges to be one of the best speeches yet delivered in Congress on that question.

If property ever sold "for a mere song," we would say it was the personal property of the Buchanan Wagon Factory, in this village, on Tuesday last, under chattel mortgage.

"GANDY-PULLS" have taken the place of pound parties. Most excellent candy is made by the young ladies. Of course the boys appreciate it.

MOST of the apples and potatoes were frozen during the cold snap, with the exception of those which were in cellars that never freeze.

PEOPLE will please notice that as a rule Democratic members of the Legislature accept passes on railroads, notwithstanding they denounced the practice so strongly just before election.

Is it not strange that so much pain and misery is suffered by the people when patent medicine vendors are so numerous and work so industriously to persuade the people to get rid of all their ailments?

THE Grangers in some of the States are making arrangements to have the interests of agriculture properly represented at the Grand Centennial. This is an object worthy of their earnest and united effort.

THE publishers of Eaton County have agreed to not publish legal advertisements for less than State rates. This is as it should be. The legal rates are reasonable, and should be adopted by all publishers.

LECTURE.—J. D. Seely, of Grand Rapids, will deliver free lectures at the Old Advent Church in this village, on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week. Subject—"Destiny of Man."

BE punctual in the discharge of every duty. Punctuality is very essential in every branch of life. If you wish to make an undertaking a success, adopt this, and you have a portion of your labor accomplished.

THE mock trial which was given under the auspices of the Literary Society was well attended. Those who were so fortunate as to obtain a seat say that the members did themselves credit, thereby making it a success.

SHOULD the weather and sleighing be suitable, the Presbyterian Sabbath School contemplate a sleighride to South Bend on Saturday of this week. Notice will be given by the ringing of the Church bell, where the school are invited to assemble, with dinner baskets well stocked.

Do not forget to read Fox's new advertisement on first page, and do not forget to call at his store when you wish to purchase anything in his line. He is offering the best bargains that can be had in the county.

PARTIES who have mortgages to foreclose should give orders to have the sale published in the Record. It has the largest circulation of any paper in the county, and is therefore the best medium for the use of advertisers.

NEXT Saturday the fifth drawing of the great Kentucky Gift Enterprise is to take place. If any of our villagers draw the \$250,000 prize we shall be very happy to make the announcement "in our next."

THE readers of the Beecher-Tilton trial should not grow impatient. It is thought that the trial will progress several months yet. So long as new witnesses are introduced and new chapters are added to the scandal the interest in the trial will be kept up.

OUR readers will notice a card elsewhere of Mr. S. T. Baker, millwright and builder of Turbine water wheels. Mr. Baker has had many years' experience in this business, and we recommend him to all parties needing work in his line.

COLFAX continues to be in good demand, as will be seen by an article published elsewhere, from the South Bend Tribune. His lecture on Lincoln has been delivered in nearly all the States, and he still refuses more invitations than he accepts.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. C. Williams of Burlington, Kansas, is now visiting in Buchanan and vicinity. Mr. Williams was one of the earliest settlers of Berrien County, coming here in 1838. He lived near this village until his removal to Kansas, about eight years ago.

LANSING CORRESPONDENT.—We publish this week the first letter from our Lansing correspondent, which will be read with interest. We expect to give our readers a summary of all the important bills that have passed the Legislature, and also the most important now reported and awaiting action.

THE School Board have had the furnace on the west side repaired. They also intend to put a stove in each room for the purpose of keeping the rooms warm when the wind blows to such an extent as to prevent the furnace from working.

THE snow has nearly all disappeared, and the ground remains frozen. The water has all passed off on the surface of the ground, increasing the amount of water in the rivers and streams and cisterns.

THE river bridge at this place was threatened on Tuesday, but necessary precaution is being taken to prevent any damage.

It is strange that some people will stop taking the Chicago Times just because the theatre in that city did not burn, as reported in the columns of that paper. The Beecher-Tilton scandal is becoming stale, and the Times had to get up some excitement if it was "whole cloth."

THE prospects for fruit, if reports are reliable, are very encouraging. Notwithstanding the long-continued cold weather, the crop at the present time bids fair to come up to the average yield.

WE regret that the affairs of the Buchanan Wagon Co. are in such a bad condition. Several parties have been induced to put all their means in this institution, and they will probably lose it all. It is difficult to estimate what the property sold under chattel mortgage is really worth, but it was bid in at less than one-fifth its value.

A RIDE.—On last Thursday afternoon a number of the Masons of this village concluded to take a sleigh ride, when twenty-three of them started for New Carlisle, Ind., to visit the Lodge there and have a good time generally. Our reporter says they were hospitably entertained by the Brothers of New Carlisle, and a pleasant ride and visit was enjoyed by all. The only accident was when H. lost his shawl. In jumping out of the sleigh he involuntarily "represented a celebrated character," but reported, "nobody hurt."

There was a good representation of members of the State at the recent meeting held at Detroit, and an organization was perfected. The object of the Association, as stated in their constitution, "shall be the mutual improvement, benefit, information and protection of all engaged in the manufacture of flour or meal." The regular meetings of the Association are to be held semi-annually.

THE office of Circuit Judge is very important one to the people of this county. There will be no opposition, we believe, to the election of Judge Coolidge in case he consents to be a candidate. If some other person is to be selected for the position, let it be the one who is the best fitted for the position that can be found in the entire district, regardless of political proclivities.

PERSONAL.—We received a pleasant call on Monday last from Mr. F. Hall, son-in-law of Mr. James Matthews of the Central City (Col.) Register. Mr. Hall is an able writer, and one of the leading newspaper men of the West, as the Register will abundantly testify. Whether through sympathy of feeling or natural affinity and assimilation, "knights of the pastepot and scissors" never fail to receive a hearty welcome at the Record office.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.—At a regular meeting of the I. B. No. 1, of Buchanan, it was unanimously resolved by the Lodge "that we tender our thanks to Misses Nettie Jordan, Josephine Jordan and Nellie Black, and Messrs. Woods, Terriere and Howard, for their untiring assistance in our behalf during the recent entertainments, and wish their pathway may be strewn with leaves of silver and their names handed down to posterity in letters of gold."

J. D. FENKELL, President.

ARREST FOR FORGERY.—One week ago last Saturday a man applied at the office of the Register of Deeds at Berrien Springs for an abstract of a lot in this village belonging to Mr. F. F. Clark. He afterwards appeared at Niles, represented himself as being F. F. Clark, and forged a deed to Henry Johnson. He then returned to Berrien Springs, had the forged deed recorded and the transfer made on the abstract. He next presented himself at the office of Joseph Bacon, in Niles, and presenting his abstract and a forged letter of recommendation purporting to be from William Hamilton, of this place, wanted to borrow \$1,000 and give a mortgage on the house and lot, claiming to be Henry Johnson, the owner of the property. The only thing that excited Mr. Bacon's suspicions that he was not right was the fact that Buchanan was not spelled right in the letter. Mr. Bacon requested him to wait for his money until he got an answer to a telegram to William Hamilton. Mr. Bacon sent the telegram, and found out that the letter was a forgery, but "Henry Johnson" had absconded in the meantime. Sheriff Weimer was notified of the case, came to this village, got some postal cards printed describing the man and detention, and sent them out in different directions. One was sent to the Sheriff of Cass County, who at once arrested a man living in that County by the name of Isaac Roy, who answered to the description, and was at the time out on bail to appear at the Circuit Court of that County on answer to a charge of rape. He was identified as being the man who applied for the money by Mr. Bacon, and also by the officer who drew and acknowledged the forged deed. His examination was held at Niles, on yesterday, and he will doubtless be compelled to serve out a long term in the State Prison. The whole proceeding was not characterized by any great amount of prudence or sagacity, and the wonder is that it came so high proving successful.

THERE is a woman of Battle Creek selling pamphlets which expose fully the numerous cruelties perpetrated upon the inmates of the State Insane asylum at Kalamazoo. She has been one of the patients herself, and gives painful descriptions of the many horrors of that institution.—E.

IF the woman is sane now, and entitled to any credit, would it not be well for our Legislature to have a committee visit the institution for examination without giving any notice in advance?

ADVERTISING.—On this topic an exchange presents the following incontrovertible facts: "All who are of any account in business, in a financial, or in social sense, are benefited as editors, and as managers, by advertising before the public. Thus the great immeasurable advantages of advertising. It is the most effective and most legitimate way to become known in a business sense. No person has made his mark in a business, or a political or social point of view whose name has not become popular by publicity. Obscurity is the opposite of popularity; and all are obscure who are not generally known, and how can a person in business become known who does not advertise?"

REMEMBER DEEDS OF KINDNESS.—The great song and chorus of the day, will be one of the most popular songs ever published in the United States. Over 1,000 copies were sold in three of our principal cities, after being sung in public for a week in each place. Nobody could fail to procure a copy of this excellent song and chorus, if they love music. "It is the moral song of 1875. The following is the first verse:

Remember deeds of kindness,  
Let them never from your heart depart;  
Prize them as your dearest jewels,  
Keep them safe within your heart.

The first verse will be sung in all the churches, and will be a great help to the poor and needy. Love and kindness will remain. And a heart of true affection, Deeds of kindness will remain.

Will be sent to any address, on receipt of 25 cents, by F. W. Helmick, 275 West Sixth street, Cincinnati, O.

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