



BUCHANAN RECORD.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1884.

Have a dish of strawberries? They are in the Chicago market at only \$1.50 per quart, and not very large quarts, either.

The chemical works of Powers & Weightman, in Philadelphia, burned Friday morning. This was the largest quinine factory in the world, and one of the leading compounds of other medicines. The buildings covered two entire squares in Philadelphia. The loss is over \$2,000,000.

The public debt statement for February shows a decrease of \$8,282,886, which means that the entire debt, less the cash in the treasury, is that amount less than on the last day of January. During the month there were \$9,816,950 of three per cent. bonds bought and cancelled. There are \$8,500,000 of these still outstanding, on which the interest has been stopped.

The second match between McLaughlin and Dufur, the champion wrestler of the world, took place in Detroit Monday evening, which resulted as did their other meeting, at five places a few days since, in favor of the Michigan man, who succeeded in putting the wily Yankee on his back in the first and third falls, and taking the stakes and door money, in all \$3,405.50.

Strong efforts are being made by the G. A. R. of this state to have a soldiers home established within the state. They may overdo it. Two bills are now before Congress, one asking for an appropriation of \$200,000, and the other asks for \$1,000,000, and proposes to make it a branch of the national Soldiers' home, which admits only pensioned soldiers. It is to be hoped that one of the bills may become a law, as the poor houses of this state contain quite a number of soldiers, and others are in indigent circumstances.

Mr. Yapple is preparing a bill to secure an appropriation for New Buffalo harbor. In 1882 there was an appropriation of \$5,000 made for a harbor at that point, but the government engineers recommended that there be no money expended there, and the money was not used. The reason given by the engineers was that the appropriation was being made to Michigan City as being the most appropriate place for a harbor of refuge at the south end of Lake Michigan. In the last campaign the Democrats made considerable of an effort to make such bills appear before the people as steals.

The result of the recent election of a Congressman in Kansas, on a fair and square tariff fight, indicates that the voters of that section are not yet ready for free trade. In a district where the Republicans, at the last election, lacked about two thousand of having a majority, the Republican candidate is elected by a good majority over a more popular man.

The latest move in the Cronch murder case is chronicled as follows in the Detroit Evening Journal:

JACKSON, Mich., March 3.—Daniel S. Cronch and Fred Cronch were arrested Saturday afternoon for the murder of Jacob D. Crouch, Henry White, his wife Eunice, and Moses Polley, November 21. Holcomb was arrested while working on his farm, at five o'clock, and had an hour later at the Hotel House. The former was nervous but signified his willingness to accompany the officer. Before leaving he had an affectionate farewell with his motherless daughter. Jud exhibited the same attitude and indifference to the whole which has characterized him since the sad tragedy was enacted. The detectives are quite reticent as to the reasons for taking them into custody, but it is believed that a link in the chain of circumstantial evidence which has been wanting for some time has been found, and bloody clothes are admitted to be an important factor. Each has been arrested for murder in the first degree and on four counts of charges, so that if either should be released he would immediately be re-arrested on another charge. The prisoners are taken to give bail for any amount, but if a bail is not given, unless the Judge of the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court Commissioners choose to grant it. Horace Hunt, J. P., issued the warrant for the arrests. R. E. Frazer and T. A. Wilson, of this city, acted as counsel for the defendants. They will be examined March 7.

Sunday School Convention.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Berrien County S. S. Association met at the Baptist church in this village Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M. Delegates arriving on the noon train Tuesday were met at the depot by Mr. S. H. Bready, of this village. The Sunday school at Benton Harbor, and invited to accompany him to the church where he said other friends and luncheon were awaiting them. After a cordial welcome and a beautiful dinner one could but be in a happy mood, and two hours were spent in a delightful season of introductions to new friends and hand-shaking with the old.

At three o'clock the convention was called to order by the President, Geo. Parsons, of Watervliet. Rev. William Doust of St. Joseph had charge of the devotional exercises and opened them with Scripture reading, convention singing, "Jesus Shall Reign," followed by a prayer by Rev. A. M. Gould of Niles, and by many others, closing by all joining in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benton Harbor, then delivered an address of welcome, expressing in words what our friends had so truly expressed by their manner when they received us joyfully at their homes, and we were glad to attend the convention a hearty welcome to the churches, the homes and the friends of Benton Harbor. The President and the Secretary responded to Mr. Bready's address in their own happy way, referring feelingly to the organization of the association at Benton Harbor in 1870 and the welcome given at that time. After singing "Wonderful Works of Thy Hand, O Lord," the convention was opened by Rev. G. Thomas of Buchanan, and the convention adjourned. Tea was served to all delegates by the ladies of the various churches, in the church parlors.

The house was full at the hour for opening the evening services, and were introduced by singing by the audience, of "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer offered by Rev. G. Thomas of Buchanan, followed by an anthem by Messrs. Kneeland, Rounds,

J. and S. Bailey, which was beautifully rendered. The topic for convention work was "The Bible, the Word of God," under the head of "The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible." Rev. A. M. Gould presented an able paper, proving conclusively to our unprejudiced mind that the Bible could not be of man or it would have come to naught, but was from God and could not be overthrown. In a practical manner and in language understood by all, leaving an impression that will linger with all who heard him. The audience united in singing "Close the Book, Benediction by Rev. W. H. Brewster.

WEDNESDAY. The morning session opened with a large attendance and increased interest. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Brewster, consisting of Bible reading and prayer, and "Take the name of Jesus with you," after which prayer for those who study the Bible was offered.

Report of E. K. Warren, Secretary, was made, accepted and placed on file; also the report of Miss Helen E. Coolidge, Treasurer. Mr. Warren reported 602 as having united with the church from the Sabbath schools in the five years since the county association was organized.

Twelve organized townships were reported as follows: Buchanan, W. A. Severson; Bertrand, Mrs. S. A. Howe; Berrien, Rev. W. Taylor and W. L. Shearer; Galien, M. L. Sherrill; Lake, Geo. W. Vally, M. Spafford; Ononko, M. P. Howe; Pipestone and Sodus, M. W. Jennings; Weesaw, J. Miller. There were no reports from Chikaming, Benton Harbor and Niles. Unorganized townships were reported as follows: Hagat, L. W. Ruggles and P. Lundy; St. Joseph, Mr. Hart and J. L. Lee; Watervliet, Geo. Parsons and others. Bainbridge, Lincoln and Royalty were not reported.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Warren for his labors in the Sunday School work as secretary of the association, which was considered by all present, expressing their high appreciation and feeling for his valuable services and the sacrifice made by him, for it was well known that more had been required of him in labor, time and money than should have been asked of any man.

Invitations were received from Three Oaks, New Troy and Watervliet to hold the convention next year in each of these places. The convention accepted of the invitation from Three Oaks. On motion \$25 was appropriated from funds of the association towards paying State privilege to International Committee. Ononko township having been invited to hold the convention, by common consent of committee \$1 was added to that we might send an even \$30. This added to the \$20 voted for the same purpose last year and still in the treasury, makes \$50, and will leave the association with all pledges redeemed.

At the close of the business meeting Rev. C. Evans of Watervliet read an instructive and interesting paper on the "Geography of the Bible." Benediction was given by Rev. M. Martin when an adjournment to the afternoon was voted. The members dined once more at the generous tables prepared by the ladies of Benton Harbor.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The church was well filled as at all previous sessions. Rev. Mr. Goslin of New Buffalo led the devotional exercises.

Rev. J. E. Gilbert of Grand Rapids, Mich., presented an admirable paper on "The Books of the Bible." His topic was one that seemed perfectly familiar with, and it was discussed in a masterly way. From the first he commanded the attention of every one present. Rev. W. M. Smith read a carefully prepared paper on "The Bible and its History." The words of the Holy Spirit is a means of grace to form and perpetuate Christian character. Rev. Gilbert then took charge of the service, and in a most interesting way of questions came out victorious leaving the questioners well pleased with the result. This was one of the most instructive and attractive exercises of the convention. The meeting then adjourned with benediction by Rev. M. Martin. The delegates were invited to tea by the ladies, and as usual found the tables in the basement of the church loaded with every needed delicacy.

EVENING SESSION. The exercises of the evening were introduced by Rev. G. Thomas. Scripture reading, prayer, and an anthem by the male quartette, that was finely rendered and elicited the compliments of those so fortunate as to hear it. Mr. E. K. Warren offered the following resolutions, which were adopted: Resolved, That as an expression of our gratitude we tender a vote of thanks to our friends of Benton Harbor for the manner in which they have favored us in their kind and generous manner to the society which has so generously given the use of its house of worship. To Messrs. Kneeland, Rounds, J. and S. Bailey, the Male Quartette, who have favored us with their delightful music. To the railroad company for the donation in railroad fares granted to our delegates. To the friends who have so kindly and cordially received us into their homes, and especially to the ladies for the very excellent manner in which they arranged to bring us together socially and "dinnerly."

Resolved, That we are in favor of the constitutional prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, and will work by voice and vote to secure this result. Another beautiful anthem by the Benton Harbor male quartette. Rev. J. E. Gilbert delivered an eloquent and soul-stirring address to an audience of the very best quality, crowded the church. May we meet him often in our Sunday school work. The services closed with one of the sweetest pieces by the quartette ever listened to, and benediction by Rev. Mr. Brewster.

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and answering questions, which rendered the meeting entertaining and profitable. There were 108 delegates present. The convention has been one of interest and profit throughout, and each delegate must be able in the future to do better work for having been here. Much of the pleasure of the convention was due to the kindness of Mr. James Bailey, who led the singing and presided at the organ. His instructions in selections harmonizing with the sentiment of addresses, papers, &c., was simply incomparable. "What must it be to there," the last selection, was rendered as directed by Messrs. Hill and Lason, the audience joining in the refrain. Adjourned with benediction.—Benton Harbor Palladium.

STATE ITEMS.

The Paw-Paw shirt factory has moved to Muskegon.

A collection of 150 "war envelopes" is displayed at East Saginaw.

A Petoskey woman claims to have had her eyesight restored by the "faith cure."

An entire family of Smiths was poisoned at Dexter Feb. 25, by eating canned meat.

"Battle Creek man named Watkins claims that the spirits have revealed the Cronch murderers to him.

The Upton Threshing Machine Works will leave Battle Creek if they cannot get side-track privileges.

A three-year-old child of H. L. Slauson, of Ludington, fell into a pail of hot water and was so terribly scalded that it died 36 hours after.

An elderly maiden lady of this city has a cat that she cured of fits by prayer. To those who doubt it she presents the cat as a living witness.—Lapeer Democrat.

Dennis Heffron, of Manistique, for selling liquor without bonds, has been sent to jail for ninety days and fined \$100.

Seventeen firms and individuals have signed an agreement to put up a \$40,000 opera house at East Saginaw on condition that the citizens buy 1,000 tickets at \$10 each at the opening entertainment, this money to go towards furnishing the house.

The boiler in the Advent Sanitarium at Battle Creek exploded Sunday morning, demolishing the engine house. The damage amounts to about \$4,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The engineer and two other persons were inside of the building at the time. One of them was quite seriously injured.

Lee Fon, a Chinese washer-washer of Flint, was married Monday to Miss Sylvia Owens, a young colored lady who has been for some time in his employ. The Rev. Mr. Chaves, pastor of the colored M. E. church of Flint, officiated.

St. Clair township has among its residents a couple who are doubtless the oldest married people in the county. Jacob Kromenaker and wife, aged 93 and 87 years respectively. Both are in good health. They have been married nearly 60 years.

For some time past Mrs. L. M. See, of Bloomingdale, Van Buren county, has been quietly saving up the smoking tobacco bags emptied by her husband, until she has now got enough to line a bed quilt, and careful computation shows this lining to have cost \$24. This has no disgusted her other half that he has thrown away his pipe and swum off.

The Buttercup.

Every schoolchild has plucked the golden flower and has held it under her playmate's chin and cried, "Buttercup, buttercup!" as it gave a flash of yellow to the rosy face. Every farmer's boy, too, has heard that if he could feed upon the buttercup the butter will assume the most golden yellow color. So the name of the flower has come to be associated with its butter-yellow color. The history of its name reveals a different origin, however. In old English this flower was known as the "butoon-cop," which means simply "button-head," in allusion to the round, button-like nature of the flower. The word "butoon" is an old English word, but it has now been superseded by cup, and the old meaning has been wholly lost. Buton gradually degenerated into butter, and every one now says "buttercup." This is a peculiar instance in which the name of a plant suggests its own origin, and suggests it falsely. The buttercup was once known as "gold-cop" or "gold-head," and "king-cop" names which still preserve the English in "gold-cop" and "king-cop." The buttercup is a native of Europe, where for centuries it has been held in much esteem. It was once worn by lovers at their betrothals, and in more classical history it goes down to the dedication to Hyman. Francis Quarles, nearly three centuries ago, wrote that: Love-sick swains And stush with rings and myrtle chains, Adorn'd with laurel alips, chaunt their love songs.

The buttercup was introduced into America some years ago, and has now become a weed in all the Eastern States. The double garden variety has long been cultivated. The buttercup is called by botanists a Ranunculus or crow-foot. When eaten it leaves a harsh, bitter and acrid sensation, often so intense as to produce serious poisoning. In fact, it is a common notion in many European countries that the pretty buttercup is poisonous to cattle. Certain it is that cattle seldom eat it unless it is dried in hay, when its poisonous properties are lost. From its acrid character Linnaeus named the plant Ranunculus acris. In the very many names that are given to it, the name Ranunculus acris is especially the creeping plant which gladdens every wet place in early spring. "The creeping crow-foot is the cuckoo-bud" of Shakespeare's time, of which he wrote: When daisies pad and violets blue, And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue, Do paint the meadows with delight.—American Cultivator.

Benediction of Flowers. In the culture of flowers there cannot be any very narrow and exclusive category or exclusiveness. The wind that blows over the cottage porch sweeps over the grounds of the nobleman; and, as the rain descends over the just and the unjust, so it communicates to all gardeners, both rich and poor, an interchange of pleasure and enjoyment, and the gardener and the rich man, in developing or enhancing a fruitful flower or a delightful scene, are in some sort the gainer of everybody else.—Charles Dickens.

Practs and Physic. Hall's Vegetable Seltzer Hair Renewer, hair, and disease peculiar to the scalp cure and clean. Prof. Perry, of Williams College has made a calculation that the student killed while coasting was moving when hurt at the rate of three miles per minute. It is spring. A resurrection of nature's latent forces is taking place. The sun, the wind, the water, the earth, your complexion, in proportion to your exertions, cleanse the channels of life. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the means to use for this purpose.

An Old English Highway. One of the most interesting of English highways which lead from London to Portsmouth. Its interest is in part due to the charming scenery through which it runs, but as much to memories of a by-gone time. One traveling on it only the present day might well deem it lonely. There will be met on it only the liveried equipage of some local magnate, the more unpretentious turn-out of country doctor or parson, with here and there a lumbering wagon, or the farmer himself, in his smart two-wheeled "trap," on the way to a neighboring market.

How different it was half a century ago, when along this same highway fifty-four horse stages were "tooled" to and fro between England's metropolis and her chief seaport town, top heavy with faces—often a noisy crowd of jovial Jackdaws, just off a evening's making Londonward, or with fresh rest for Portsmouth, once more to breast the billows and brave the dangers of the deep! Many a naval officer of name and fame, historic, such as the Rodney, the Cochrane, the Collingwood, and Cockington—even Nile's hero himself—has been whirled along this old highway.

All things are over now, and long has it been "to-day the iron horse" with its rattling train, carries such travelers by a different route—the screech of its whistle being just audible to wayfarers on the old road, as in mockery of their crawling progress, it sends forth a blast there remain only the splendorous way, still kept in repair, and the inns encountered at short distances apart, many of them once grand hostleries. They, however, are not in repair; the walls are cracked and crumbling to ruins, the ample court-yards are grass-grown, and the stables empty, or occupied only by half a dozen clumsy wooden stalls, and a few straggling and moving around will be a lot of two in smock-frocks, where gaudily-dressed positions, booted and spurred, with natty ostlers in sleek waistcoats, tight-fitting breeches, and gaiters once ruled the day.

Among other ancient landmarks on this now little-used highway is one of dark and tragic import. Beyond the town of Petersfield, going southward, the road winds up a hill, and at the top, a chalk formation—the "Southdowns," which have given their name to the celebrated breed of sheep. Near the summit is a crater-like depression, several hundred feet in diameter, and whose rim the causeway is carried—a dark and dismal hole, a weird aspect as to have earned for it the appellation of the "Devil's Punch Bowl."—Mayne Reid.

A Montana Mining Gulch. One day rich by the sweat of their brow, and the next day "back to the card or the dice, they swore, they gambled, they killed each other. Foul blasphemy, the crack of the ever-ready revolver, the death-rattle of another victim, were the sound that now rent the air, and the gambler and the shill-piping music of the dance-houses. For three months the "bar" continued to yield its millions; the population doubled, tripled, and quadrupled. Then, in Montana was to be found in Dead Man's Flat. Millions were taken from the insignificant stretch of accumulated sand, when suddenly one dark, tempestuous night the sand and the forest, caused by the wasterful devastation of the forests that clothed for many miles the impending mountain-slopes broke down the confining dam of a natural reservoir high up in the side, sending huge volumes of water down the narrow ravine, where it swept everything before it. In five minutes nothing was left of the city. Gambling-houses, saloons, and dance-houses shared the fate of the flames, wash-cradles, and other costly appliances. But the Western man is of an elastic character, and returns only good him to further energy. Rebuilding began at once, and the city was again a city. The floods had wrought, the building-up of a new city—this time not of stumps tents, but of substantial log structures—had actually begun. But the next day a new news item was which once for all settled the fate of Dead Man's Flat. The "bar" was gone! With the city, with the gambler's tools and the whisky-barrels, had been swept away the gold-mining industry, and the same process of nature that in ages gone by had deposited the auriferous bank had now spirited it away. The following week there was not a living soul left in the deserted camp. To the dead man's flat, the gambler's tools, and the whisky-barrels, had not suffered, was left the inheritance of Dead Man's Flat, purchased by them with their life's blood. In twenty years' time, the gambler's tools, the whisky-barrels, could cast her verdant cloak of forgetfulness over the sorry gambler's man's hand had worked. Already a new army of trees was springing up and closing with youthful vigor the sad gaps cut into the forest-flores, rank and file.

Not Bashful, but Unlucky. There were only two seats vacant in the ladies' cabin of a Fulton ferry boat when a tall man entered, followed by a short man. The empty seats were, unfortunately, far apart, and the short man, who was a stranger, was not prepared to take the other himself.

"Oh, let us sit together," said the tall man, and turning to the man who occupied the seat next to the nearest vacant one, he held out his hand. "Certainly," said the person addressed, "anything to oblige a stranger; though I don't see what you'll gain by it."

The ball of politeness thus set rolling in every direction, ladies and children, moved into an adjacent seat on being asked, and after about twenty such transfers had been made the tall man arrived at the upper end of the cabin. There he was met by a stranger, his head in a disoriented surprise, for there was still only one seat vacant. A colored boy had drifted in by the front door and taken the other.

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Eight hundred vagrants, a score of them men whose ages ranged from 60 to 90 years, were arrested in a single week toward the close of last month in Paris. Many of them asserted that they had not slept on a bed for thirty years.

Mr. Wm. W. Thomas, of New York, says: "My wife has been seriously affected by cough for twenty-five years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved her very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured her. She has not had good health for thirty years." Trial bottle free at D. Weston's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

In the lead productions of different countries Spain still holds the first rank, the amount reaching some 120,000 tons in one year, or one sixth more than America, which comes next on the list.

Buchanan Prices Current.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including wheat, corn, and other agricultural products.

Estate of Jacob Clair, deceased.

NOTICE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien, ss. Probate Court for said county, do hereby certify that at a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the village of Berrien Springs, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, present, Alexander H. Leung, Judge pro tempore, in the matter of the estate of said deceased, David E. Humm, Administrator of said estate, comes into Court and represents that he has prepared to render the final account as such Administrator.

Delinquent Drain Tax Sales.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following described lots, situate in the village of Berrien Springs, in the County of Berrien and State of Michigan, will be sold at public auction, on the County Treasurer's office, in Berrien Springs, the county seat of said county, for the delinquent drain taxes of 1883, commencing on Monday, the fifth day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing from day to day, until the same are fully paid, or until ordered to law.

TOWN OF SOUTH OF HANCOCK WEST.

Rough's Opera House.

One Night Only.

Friday Evening, March 7.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF W. H. PERROTT.

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Special Engagement of the Famous

McGIBENY FAMILY

in their wonderful

NEW MUSICAL

Sketch Entertainment!

MIRTH, MUSIC, MIMICRY.

The largest and youngest musical family in

FOURTEEN IN ALL.

Father, mother, and twelve children.

A Full Band! A Full Chorus!

A Full Orchestra!

LAUGHABLE SKETCHES!

FUN, FACTS, FANCIES.

See Them! Hear Them!

Tell your friends of their coming.

POPULAR PRICES.

Admission 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Tickets for sale at Elyton's.

Special Family Tickets, Admitting Four Persons to Reserved Seats, \$1.00. In Advance Only.

AYER'S PILLS. A large proportion of the diseases which cause human suffering result from derangement of the stomach, bowels, and liver. AYER'S CATHARTIC PILLS act directly upon these organs, and are especially adapted to the treatment of Constipation, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Headache, Dysentery, and all other ailments of the bowels, which they are a safe, sure, prompt, and pleasant remedy. The extensive use of these PILLS by eminent physicians in regular practice, and the constant testimony in which they are held by the medical profession, are evidence of their efficacy.

A Sufferer from Headache writes: "AYER'S PILLS are invaluable to me, and are my constant companion. I have been a severe sufferer from Headache, and your pills have relieved me, and I am now free from it. I have never felt so well as I do now, and I am sure it is due to the use of your pills. I have ever found it a pleasure to me to speak in their praise, and I have no other recommendation to make of them when occasion offers."

W. J. HARRIS, of W. L. Page & Co., Franklin St., Highwood, Va., June 3, 1882.

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