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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1884.

Some talk of Robert Lincoln for next Mayor of Chicago.

1,500 men were discharged in Pullman and South Chicago last week.

Trouble is arising between the Western Union Telegraph Company and its operators, and a general strike may be expected at any time.

The whole country is awaiting the end of the Chicago ballot-box stuffers case, with interest. Turn the rascals in—the penitentiary.

Ohio is now the seat of a gold excitement. Rock yielding \$1,000 per ton has been discovered in Clermont county, by Cleveland mineralogists.

President Arthur has reappointed Postmaster Palmer, of Chicago, for another four years' term. This places a rich plum out of reach of the incoming administration.

Out of 228,000 votes cast at the late election in New York City, only sixty-four were found that could be classed among the blank, scattering or defectives.

At Winona, Minn., George Dotterweich was sentenced to nine months in the penitentiary for stuffing a ballot-box, and F. W. Decker was fined \$500 for participating in the crookedness.

Now the western papers are bragging because they raise such a small cold weather. It does take a smart country to cast mercury rifle balls, but some of that western country does it.

Railroads running into Albany are at present enjoying about the heaviest passenger traffic of any in the country. The flock of Democratic expectants who go to visit Cleveland makes good business for them.

There is a general study to determine the meaning of Cleveland's recent ride to New York in Vanderbilt's special car, in the face of the claim that Cleveland's election means war on monopolies.

Four thousand coal-miners on the Monongahela River went out on strike Monday for an advance of half a cent a bushel. The operators say they will close the mines indefinitely rather than accede to the demand.

An attempt will be made by the present Congress to establish one or two gun foundries, one for the army and one for the navy, at an expense of about \$3,000,000, and an investment of \$15,000,000 in steel for their use.

The Canadian government is becoming alarmed at the loss of her inhabitants, who are finding homes with the nearest neighbor on the south. During the past five years the province of Ontario alone has lost nearly 300,000 of her inhabitants in that way.

The inhabitants of Switzerland have shown their Swiss sense by driving John Q. Cannon, the Mormon elder out of the country. Now if the United States will display an equal amount of sense, it will send the whole polygamous clan to China or some South Sea island.

The Canton, Dakota, Advocate terms Senator Vest of Missouri a thoroughbred in the liar class, because he said in the Senate that Dakota had not enough inhabitants to be admitted as a State. We think the Senator is about right so long as Democrats have the management of affairs.

Congressman Bland, the father of the silver dollar bill now has a proposition before Congress to issue two cent bonds for the special purpose of securing National bank circulation due in 1907, and authorizing the treasurer to exchange them for four per cent at 13 per cent premium.

The New York Sun, in plain and unmistakable terms, advocates the return to the old State banking system in preference to the present National bank. If this is to be the Democratic policy they will meet with about as vigorous opposition as has ever been discovered by any political party.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall has arranged to visit a number of Southern States, and a few leading Southern cities have extended to him their hospitality, among others, Louisville, Kentucky, whereupon the Courier-Journal opens a tirade of abuse against him that is disgraceful, both to the paper and the town it is supposed to represent.

There is talk among the guessers, of Henry Ward Beecher as the successor of Minister Lowell in the British Court. It would certainly be a high honor to the country to be represented in any court above a police court by a man representing such high moral ideas and with the exceptional reputation Mr. Beecher bears.

The situation in the Illinois Legislature is one of most rare occurrence. It is not often that one party has a majority in one branch and another one majority in the other branch of the legislature, and no third party represented in either. The contest in that State over the election of United States Senator is looked forward to with a lively interest.

The Chicago papers are making war on the schedule of freight rates of the western railroads with a vigor that is commendable. Nearly the entire west is under the control of the railroads, and there are cases quite numerous where this control is abused, to the serious disadvantage of the country most specially the agricultural portion of it.

A bill is before the Senate for the admission of southern Dakota as a state under the name of Lincoln. Dakota is large enough both in territory and population for two good states, and there is but one good reason for the change being made. Dakota is thoroughly Republican in all its parts, and a bill for admission must pass through a Democratic house.

There is some talk of appointing C. V. R. Pond, of Quincy, Commissioner of Immigration for this State. Besides his general ability as a business man his idea of the duties of that office is not far from correct. He does not consider it to be the place of that officer to work for a general miscellaneous foreign immigration of people whose only capital is muscle, but to induce New Englanders who are on the westward move with capital, industry, and culture, to stop in this State, instead of going further toward the Pacific Ocean.

Nine bills were introduced into the House on Monday to pay claims of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas for supplies alleged to have been taken by the Union armies during the war. These bills could not stand a trial before the House, but now that the Democratic party has won an election, they are presented in Congress.—Detroit Post.

It is said that the sugar-growers are greatly wrought up over the possibility of the ratification of the Spanish treaty. Why so? The sugar-growing States returned majorities for the party that favors "progressive free trade." Why not free trade in sugar?—Indianapolis Journal.

We beg to inform the independent Republican newspapers that if they voted for a Democratic President in the hope that all the leading Democrats of the South were to be shelved in a closet with the word "bourbon" written over the door, they cast their votes under a misapprehension. The new administration will be Democratic from the word go, and it is in consequence of this that the Democratic party has won an election, they are presented in Congress.—Detroit Post.

The liquor question has been carefully studied in Massachusetts if anywhere. Every method hitherto devised by human ingenuity to diminish the evils of intemperance by legislation has been tried there. State prohibitory laws of various degrees of stringency have had their tests in Massachusetts, and have all proved failures. At last here people have come round to the point from which they started. They are now in favor of the old-fashioned license, which is issued to respectable persons only, and at rates that yield a good revenue.—New York Journal of Commerce.

It is curious to see the perfect accord and harmony between the saloonists and the saints on the question of taxing the liquor traffic. Both are opposed to any tax, both contend that it is sinful and wrongful, both vote together to repeal all laws taxing draughts. The saints pretend to believe that if the draughts were free and untried by taxation they could be suppressed by the prohibitory efforts of the saints. The saloonists are perfectly willing to risk it—knowing by past experience that they can run wide open every saloon in the land, and that the communities where the inhabitants imbibe nothing stronger than ginger pop; hence the disciples of Demi-John and Saint John pull together at the polls in behalf of the old-fashioned saloon.

Chicago Tribune.

Bed-Rock Democracy.

Somehow every Democrat who in the language of the Hon. Elijah P. Morgan, is "active in his trust," seems to pour particularly chilly water upon every expressed yearning within the party for civil service reform. At the Gorman banquet in Baltimore a few nights ago, for instance, Mr. Pendleton ventured to make a speech in favor of the Republican idea of civil service, which, in the picturesque language of a party organ, "iced the terrapin stew, trapped the champagne and caused the guests to call for their overcoats," but it was considerably after the fact that "Dick Follows, the right bower of Mr. Cleveland, warmed things up in a speech which assured his hearers that the offices would go where they would do the most good."

The Cincinnati Enquirer, in alluding to the same event, gives Pendleton a neighborly whack and brings the Democratic view of office-plunder into strong relief by saying in a double-headed editorial:

There are festival occasions when it appears to be the proper thing to recognize all elements of a party, and, if at any time there should be strong pursuit of a heretical line of thought, there is always the counter-irritant—somebody like John R. Follows, who doesn't strike attitudes in the very highest circles of politics, but who knows "a heap," and knows how to express himself, and who, in a few burning words, can rebuke a sham and bring a company back to bed-rock Democracy.

Mr. John Richard Follows probably knows more about what is going to happen than Mr. Pendleton and the other fellows; and the Democratic press of Philadelphia, which is so strong, will hardly make a showing after the fourth of next March.—Detroit Post.

Gov. Begole Adds to His List of Pardons.

LANSING, December 17.—Gov. Begole has made the following pardons and commutations of sentences: Cardamen De Joseph Reese, sentenced August 22, 1884, to eight months' imprisonment in the Genesee county jail, for abducting a girl for prostitution.

Calvin Stough, sentenced at Hilldale, November 28, 1881, to five years at the Ionia House of Correction for arson.

Thomas Taylor, sentenced from Genesee county, June 1, 1878, to ten years at Jackson for robbery.

William Ross, sentenced from Mecosta county, February 12, 1883, to twelve years at Jackson for assault with intent to kill; Committed to two years.

James Malloy, sent from Kalamazoo county, December 23, 1883, to Kalamazoo prison for five years, robbery; committed so the sentence will expire December 23, 1884.

Frank W. Penny, implicated with Burnham on a charge of stealing goods of Roehm & Wright, Detroit, and sentenced May 1, 1884, to three and a half years at Ionia; so as to expire January 1, 1886.

Dan Van Waggoner, sentenced from Kalamazoo May 5, 1877, to forty-five years at Ionia, for assault with intent to kill and murder. He was sentenced so the sentence will expire January 1, 1886. Van Waggoner was noted as one of the most desperate of young rascals. He followed a Mr. Hewitt from Muskegon to Kalamazoo, intending to rob him and go to the Black Hills. He decoyed him to a piece of woods and then beat him over the head with the pruning shears, shot him four times, and robbed him after he was lying dead. He was convicted and sentenced to forty-five years in prison, and his many friends have made desperate efforts to secure his release by corruption in the State Senate. He played the pious dodge and made a desperate effort to escape, but was soon recaptured.

State Items.

Jackson has forty-four physicians. There was about a foot of snow at Rescommon Saturday morning.

The Jackson electric light company is to enlarge its plant.

Mumps goes out of office in Paw Paw to be succeeded by chicken pox.

A Grand Rapids man has a tree with ripe oranges on it. It is an orange tree.

Sturgis is also having the agony of a little too previous post-office scramble.

The Toledo and South Haven narrow gauge railroad is extended from Hartford to South Haven.

During the past year there were 84 buildings erected at Jackson at a cost of \$123,300.

Grand Rapids claims the first native-born American monkey, a recent acquisition.

Between four and five tons of candy are manufactured in Grand Rapids daily.

The latest pardon issued by Gov. Begole was to James Fairbanks, sent to Jackson in 1881 for twelve years for attempt to murder.

Several Holly young ladies smoke cigarettes.—Detroit Free Press. Some mistake about this, surely. Ladies, did you mean?

A Miss Matilda Jack, living at Mt. Clemens, choked to death Friday, trying to swallow a piece of leaf lard. She was partially deranged.

Washtenaw county farmers were ploughing during the first week in December, but they have stopped to warm their fingers now.—Evening News.

The exposing of the Bohemian Oats swindle by the Milan Leader led to a game of fistfist between the editor and the sick agent for the oats.

A live eagle was brought into Coldwater one day recently by a hunter who had only wounded it slightly. It measures seven feet across its wings.

William L. Allen fell into a vat of brine at the Marine City Salt Company's works Thursday and was so badly scalded that pieces of flesh fell from his body.

The Holcomb trial is at rest once more on account of the sickness of a juror. It takes a pretty good constitution to withstand a siege of that kind.

The front of Chas. E. Roswell's store at Brockway, St. Clair county, was blown out Monday morning by an explosion, supposed to be by fire communicating with some fire works.

The Sturgis Journal has a fine colored advertising supplement for a Christmas extra. There is considerable work about the thing. It is a good advertising scheme.

Mrs. Tarney, of Adrian, placed two hot bricks, neatly wrapped in papers, in her bed Thursday night, and the fire department was called upon soon after to save her house from the flames.

The thermometer at various Michigan towns, on Friday morning, stood as follows: Port Huron 13 below, Coldwater 22, Ionia 20, Otisville 22, Otter Lake 16, Millington 22.

As Gov. Begole has promised to give the reasons he had for pardoning convicts so liberally, it is to be hoped the full history of the Van Waggoner commutation will not be forgotten.—Evening News.

Two boys went out hunting rabbits near Farwell, Sunday. One of them named Holden was accidentally shot in the knee by the other boy, named Clements. The surgeons say the leg must come off.

Two young men, each about twenty-four years old, walked into Bay City from Brown's camp, back of Pinconning, a distance of thirty miles, and asked to be sent up to the House of Correction.

Six weeks ago the mayor of Grand Rapids headed a subscription for a Bartholomew pedestal fund, planting down one great big dollar. Subscription papers were left at all the banks, the last heard of had reached the magnificent sum of \$3. This Yankee nation does not appear to be in headlong haste to pay for a decoration for New York harbor.—Evening News.

Probably the maddest set of people in this State are the citizens of Kalamazoo, the home of Van Waggoner, the blood-thirsty villain whom Gov. Begole has just commuted to one year's sentence instead of 24. He was about as graceless a specimen of humanity as ever graced the State, and this act of the ignorant in the Governor's chair is an outrage on civilization.

Phaets and Phisic.

A telegraphic dispatch was lately sent from Kansas City to Scotland, and an answer returned in forty minutes.

Like an old creaking wheelbarrow.

This is the way a man's rheumatic joints are. Hinges old, rusty and worn, and badly need oiling. The trouble is in the blood. A man who is of any account is worth repairing. The repairing can be done by Brown's Iron Bitters. That enriches and purifies the blood, drives out the pains, and works complete restoration. Thousands testify to it from happy experience. Mr. G. H. Huntley 918 North Sixteenth st., St. Louis, says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for rheumatism, general debility and prostration, with the best results."

The shade trees of Savannah, which have been the pride of that city for many years, are dying at a rapid rate.

Poison.

Of the blood by reason of obstructive acid in the system is the recognized cause of rheumatic pain and inflammation. Resolve this acid and a cure is effected. It can be done by means of the known agent which speedily destroys the blood-poison, and sends a healthy current into the diseased parts. Says J. C. Rinder, of Burlington, Wis.: "I regard Athletephoria as the most wonderful medical discovery of the age. It cured me of Rheumatism and others to whom I recommended it. It is an invaluable specific."

Over 100,000 cords of timber are manufactured into shoe-pegs in this country every year.

The Great American Chorus.

Sneezing, coughing and sneezing! This is the music all over the land just now. And will be until June. "I've such an awful cold in my head." Cure it with Ely's Cream Balm or it may end in the toughest form of catarrh. No more colds, no more sneezing, no more nasal discharges, no more nasal catarrh. This remedy masters it as no other ever did. Not a sniff nor a liquid. Applied by the finger into the nostrils. Pleasant, certain, radical.

A New Jersey girl put on her brother's clothes and voted in his stead at the late election.

DeLaud's Ointment Baking Powder.—The statement made on each table "Ely's Cream Balm" and "Ely's Cream Balm" is not a "filling whatever." It cannot be disproved. Test it, try it, and you will use no other. It will make the most delicious pastry, is always easy, full weight, healthful and economical.

Barnum's grafts has the longest case of sore throat on record.

Prize.—His stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 trial bottle free to all. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa. 571

I was troubled with chronic catarrh and gathering in head; was deaf at times, had discharges from ears, unable to breathe through nose. Before the second bottle of Ely's Cream Balm was exhausted I was cured.—C. J. Corbin, 923 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

When I began using Ely's Cream Balm my catarrh was so bad I had to leave the whole time and discharged a large amount of filthy matter. That has almost entirely disappeared and I have had no headache since.—J. H. Summers, Stepping, Conn.

In Louisiana they are making a rum out of sweet potatoes.

That hacking cough can be quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it, D. Weston.

Will you suffer from dyspepsia and liver complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. D. Weston.

Sleepless nights made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you. D. Weston.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for consumption, loss of appetite, dizziness and all symptoms of dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. D. Weston.

Catarrh cured, health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. D. Weston.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. D. Weston.

Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures consumption. D. Weston.

Croup, whooping cough and bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's cure. D. Weston.

Frank W. Palmer was nominated by the President yesterday to be Postmaster at Chicago.

"Rough on Rats," clears out rats mice, 15c.

"Rough on Corns," for corns, bunions, 15c.

"Thin people," "Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures dyspepsia, etc., 25c.

"Rough on Toothache," instant relief, 15c.

Ladies who would retain freshness and vivacity don't fail to try "Wells' Health Renewer," 25c.

"Bucho-palpa," great kidney and urinary cure.

Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, cleared out by "Rough on rats," 15c.

"Rough on Coughs," troches, 15c; liquid, 25c.

"For children, slow in development, puny and delicate, use "Wells' Health Renewer," 25c.

"Rough on Dentist's" Tooth Powder. Try it, 15c.

Nervous Weakness, dyspepsia, sexual debility cured by "Wells' Health Renewer," 25c.

Mother Swan's Worm Syrup, for feverishness, worms, constipation, tasteless, 25c.

Singing, irritation, all kidney and urinary complaints cured by "Bucho-palpa," 25c.

Night sweats, fever, chills malaria, dyspepsia, cured by "Wells' Health Renewer," 25c.

My husband (writes a lady) is three times the man since using "Wells' Health Renewer."

If you are failing, broken, worn out and nervous, use "Wells' Health Renewer," 25c.

Prevalence of kidney complaint in America; "Bucho-palpa" is a quick, complete cure. St.

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Be sure and buy a present for some one, and you will feel better Christmas day, if only an article from my five cent counter. Buy something for father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, children, friends.

Special Prices Until January 1st.

In Crockery, Glassware and Tinware. Special prices to Sunday Schools and teachers. Try a bottle of

GARWOOD'S CELEBRATED PERFUMES.

CARPETS, OILCLOTH, NOVELTIES, NOTIONS.

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## PANIC PRICES!

FOR THE FOLLOWING BEAUTIFUL LINE OF CROCKERY, GLASSWARE

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## BROWN JAPAN DISHES,

In dinner sets or any number of pieces desired.

Decorated Chamber Sets,

Decorated Cuspidores,

Decorated Lamp Stands,

Rich Gold Hanging Lamps,

WITH GLASS PRISMS.

Glass Hand Lamps, Toy Tea Sets, Doll Heads, Doll Bodies, Dressed Dolls.

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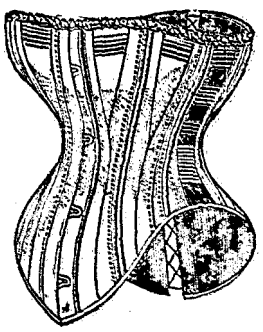
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We carry more Hose than all the stores in the city. We always hear them say, "How cheap you sell them."

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Come in and see us.

Respectfully,

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## BUCHANAN RECORD.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1884.  
Entered at the Post-Office at Buchanan, Mich., as Second-Class Matter.

### Fall Goods.

Men's, Youths', Boys' and School Suits.

HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES,

Furnishing Goods,

A BIG LINE.

GEO. W. NOBLE.

Merry Christmas.

Sport at the rink to-night.

1885 in one week from to-day.

The next RECORD will be dated 1885.

Go to the Rink to-night and see the fun.

A polo club has been formed in Niles.

The snow shovel brigade has been busy this week.

LEAP YEAR sleighrides are all due before next Thursday.

H. E. BRADLEY returned Monday evening from Dakota.

Don't fail to see the Race at the Rink New Year's Night.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL pay car made boys happy along the line last week.

Miss MINA McMULLEN brought her Dakota visit to a close Monday evening.

THERE is to be a polo race at the rink to-night. Lots of fun.

CLEAN your walk or else keep off from that some one else has cleaned.

MR. JOHN ALEXANDER is at home from his school at Ann Arbor for the holiday vacation.

DRY wells is the almost universal complaint of those who have come well in this part of the country.

THE RECORD is printed Wednesday evening this week to enable the printers to have Christmas.

SOME sneak thief entered J. J. Wells' cellar last week and considerably lightened his pork barrel.

FOR ten consecutive days has the snow fallen upon the just and unjust of this vicinity, and still it falls.

MR. E. E. BEARDSLEY, who has been employed in Chicago for some time past, is at home for the holidays.

HEREAFTER there will be general skating at the Rink only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and evenings.

MISS L. H. HARRIS, teacher in the grammar department of Michigan City schools, is home for the holiday vacation.

THE last of Lake township railroad bonds are to be paid this week. St. Joseph township might envy her situation.

ONE week from to-day the newly elected county and State officers will assume control of the affairs for which they have been chosen.

HENRY ASHOFF, for a number of years supervisor of Royalton township, died last Thursday of consumption. Aged 38 years.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH MILLER, of Mishawaka, spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. D. Brownfield, in this place.

MILBURG postmaster gets \$80 per year. There is a chance for some one of the unsuccessful candidates of this place.

ANN ARBOR Courier advises Buchanan to try an Artesian Well. Buchanan is greatly obliged for the suggestion. Got any money to sink?

JANUARY 21 the charter of the Citizens National Bank of Niles expires and the National Bank will succeed it with \$300,000 capital stock.

JOHN F. TRYON, a prominent attorney of Dowagiac, died suddenly of heart disease, Thursday. He was about forty years old, and has spent the greater part of his life in that county.

MR. J. B. MOUTON is teaching a juvenile singing class, meeting once each week, and charging so small a price that any of the little ones who want to learn to sing, may.

MR. JOHN BARR has been interesting himself in the invention and completion of a folding wagon box that will fold into a convenient form for easy handling without weakening.

BY reference to the tax list in this paper it will be seen that the fellow who allowed his tax to go unpaid pays a pretty high interest for the use of the money a short time. Twenty-seven per cent.

THE Expositor is making war on the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph harbor railroad, under the impression that it will not be a help to the business interests of Benton Harbor.

POULTRY appears to be too plentiful for profit this year in this vicinity. Nearly every one has chickens to sell, excepting those who have been visited by thieves, but no one cares to invest very heavily. When sales are made the prices range from three to five cents per pound.

ALREADY the cry of the croakers that fruit has all been killed by the cold weather is afloat in this State. We have had no very cold weather here this winter. Not cold enough to kill fruit.

Now that sleighing has come we want that wood on subscription, want it immediately and want it bad.—*Cheneyan Democrat*.

Queer, that. The majority of editors ask for good wood.

MR. BENJAMIN M. BIRD, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and Mrs. C. Cynthia Hopkins, of Michigan City, Ind., were married at the residence of Mrs. Barney of this place, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Rev. C. G. Thomas officiating.

NEW YEARS Night there will be a race at the Buchanan Roller Rink, between Harry Corban, the champion of Branch county, and Amos Thompson, of Hammond, Ind. This will no doubt be a very exciting race, as both are very swift on skates.

MR. W. OSBORN received a postal card from Walter, in Dakota, Monday morning. The closing words were, "40 degrees below zero this morning." As mercury freezes at that great heat there is no knowing how much colder it may have been at the time.

CHRISTMAS decorations have engaged the minds and hands of a large share of our population this week. About the usual amount of rich and poor presents have been bestowed, and the merchants have enjoyed a good holiday trade.

IN the case of Mrs. Vanderhoof, of Berrien county, convicted of killing her husband and sentenced to Jackson for life, a commutation, that will cause her to be sent to the Detroit house of correction, will be granted in a few days, probably.—*Evening News*.

A SLEIGHT LOAD of Odd Fellows went from this place to Dayton in the storm, Saturday evening, to see some fellow ride the goat. It must be an entertaining show that would induce men of good sense to start out in such a storm for a twelve miles ride.

AT a special meeting held Monday evening the Common Council decided to purchase a steam fire engine, and deputized the fire committee, consisting of Councilmen Koonz, Willard and Mowrey, a special committee, to investigate the question as to the best and most economical to buy.

ON December 1 the Secretary of State reports the condition of the growing wheat crop in Berrien county to be in five per cent better condition than on average years, and fifteen per cent better than at the same time in 1883. At five of the eight elevators in this county there were 13,081 bushels marketed during the month of November.

THERE are Democrats in this vicinity who pretend to be intelligent, and who, after reading in both Republican and Democratic papers, full accounts of the attempt to steal the Senatorship in Chicago, cannot be made to believe that such a thing has ever occurred. Sweet innocents, some of these fellows.

OUR readers are treated this week to an interesting continued story, entitled "Tax Sales." It will be continued for four weeks. We must beg their pardon for imposing upon them in this way, but as it comes this way only once in about six years they ought to be able to stand it if we can. It would suit us best to come oftener.

A NUMBER of Dakotans have returned to the land of comfort to spend the winter, to return in the spring, and may be seen sitting around the fire in the corner grocery, spinning yarns about the great productiveness of Dakota soil, and the enduring qualities of the atmosphere of the territory.

THE Spelling Match mentioned last week, which is to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, will take place in Hought's Opera House next Monday evening, Dec. 29, 1884. Ten cents admission will be charged at the door, and all who desire can compete for the quill. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE Young Ladies' Reading Club, an organization formed for the literary improvement of its members, will meet at the residence of Mrs. F. M. Smith, on Fourth street, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 1 o'clock. The subject under discussion for that evening will be, "Longfellow and His Work." All ladies interested are cordially invited to meet with the club. No fee for membership.

NETTIE TREAT, Sec.

LIST of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Buchanan, Mich., for the week ending Dec. 23: Mr. George Campbell, Mrs. Matilda Chambers, Aaron Eby, Geo. Lowry, Robt. Morris, Mrs. Mary Ranch, Tyler Swain, John Zeller.—Drop—John Rapell, Mrs. Jennie Westbrook.—Cards—Wm. E. Fing, Albert Gilbert, Mrs. Em Mendall.

L. P. ALEXANDER, P. M.

FARMERS living in this part of the world are making the usual annual complaint of having had chickens stolen. There appears to be a number of fellows in this place who put in the fall and early winter in the chicken business, and by the time farmers are ready to sell their chickens some one else has captured them. Two of the regular hands have spent a term in Ionia, but that does not appear to quite close up the business.

A PETITION has been circulated and quite numerous signed, asking the Common Council to enter into a contract for a steam fire engine. The probable effect of the petition will be the purchase of some kind of an engine soon. That there is likely to arise a most serious need for a machine of that kind at any time there can be no question. It has been about 22 years since Buchanan has had any very serious fires, but some parts of town are so arranged that such an emergency is likely to arise at any moment, and although we have a quite good hand engine it would be found quite inefficient for any heavy work, and likely to fail when most needed.

A coal mine has been discovered 3 1/2 miles from Dowagiac on the farm of James Goble.

WE learn that there is a dozen or more Democratic and Greenback candidates for the post office who are disappointed because we omitted their names from our list last week. We are sorry for them, but our reporter cannot chase the country over for a White man nor does he like to Levi job half finished, and so begs excuse for the omission, with a promise to look well to their interests in the future.

THE question of steam fire engine or water-works is being quite freely discussed with most excellent arguments on both sides. Those who oppose the latter do so on account of the additional burden of taxation, and favor the purchase of the steamer. The difference in this regard would for the next five years be hardly appreciable, as the engine will cost us about \$500 per year for five years, and would then be paid for, and future cost would be only for expense of operating and repairs. While the water-works would be a continuous expense of from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year less the income that may be derived from water rents, which may be much or little, varying somewhat with circumstances, for a term of years, when bonds might be coming due and the load would somewhat increase in weight, unless the town should go into the refunding business. There is such a petition now before the board as will likely to induce them to invest in a steamer, unless a pretty strong remonstrance is presented at once. There is little doubt that the water system would in the end be the best for the place, in giving us not only a better fire protection and a great convenience in water privileges, but in increased value of real estate and lower insurance rates. On the other hand with the purchase of the steamer on the terms offered by the Bulton Company, the village of Buchanan would be out of debt in five years, unless she launched into some other scheme before that time expired, but with the water-works we would not, quite.

THOSE who were out doors at about ten o'clock Saturday evening, saw a bright bluish white light that illuminated the entire sky, and supposed it to have been caused by a meteor, but as there was a heavy sheet of clouds overhead at the time the meteor itself was not visible from this place. The light lasted but a moment, but during that time was quite bright. The following accounts of the visitor from other places we find in the Evening News:

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 22.—A shock was felt in this city about 10 o'clock Saturday night, which was then attributed to an earthquake, but which has since been proved to have been caused by the explosion of a meteor, or comet, several reputable persons having reported seeing the fiery visitor. They also say they distinctly felt the shock. James White, who lives eight miles south of the city, says he saw the flash and heard the explosion, and that a sulphurous smell was perceptible for several minutes after the explosion took place. The shock came from a south-easterly direction.

COLDWATER, Mich., Dec. 22.—A remarkable meteor illuminated the heavens hereabout about 10 o'clock Saturday evening. It was of rare beauty and brilliancy.

ALBION, Mich., Dec. 22.—An aurora passed over this place at 10 o'clock Saturday night, making the night as light as day for a moment. It exploded and the shock shook things in general here.

GALLEN ITEMS.

School closed for two weeks.

Miss Dora Blakely has gone home to spend Christmas.

Miss Nellie Jones, who has been teaching school in South Bend, came Saturday to spend her vacation.

The other day while out hunting, M. H. Smith shot and killed a fox.

Died, Dec. 20, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Glover.

Ed. Hakes, who has been attending school at Ypsilanti, returned home Saturday.

THREE OAKS ITEMS.

Dec. 24, 1884.

It is snowing very hard here this morning. The snow is getting pretty deep, but the teams are so thick on the roads that the roads are kept open.

James L. McKie returned this morning from a trip to Lansing.

Mr. Harmon and family went to Berrien Springs Tuesday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Harris.

Wm. H. Valentine is looking quite old. He is grand.

Charles Briggs, who lived near New Troy, was buried last Sunday.

Thomas Mars, of Berrien Centre, is in town this morning.

Logs and wood are coming to town in large quantities.

The Featherbone is making whips now.

That blizzard is here.

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Circuit Court.

The circuit court is again in session this week.

Herman Benthler and George Hewitt were admitted to citizenship.

Geo. W. Bridgman was assigned by the court to defend Frank Straus, charged with burglary.

The people of E. H. Vanderhoof, convicted last week of murder. The court sentenced her to imprisonment for life at hard labor at Jackson.

The court and jury have been engaged all the week with the trial of William G. Emory, charged with an assault with intent to murder. Emory shot Alexander Ketchum, at Coloma, because he believed that he had seduced his wife. The evidence is somewhat conflicting. The jury found the defendant guilty, and the judge sentenced him to the state prison for three years.

The people vs. Frank Stevens, charged with the burglary of a shop in the night time, was tried by a jury. The people not showing whether the crime was committed at the night time or the day time, the judge discharged the prisoner.—*Journal*.

John Hull, the veteran musician who founded the famous Hull & Arnold's quadrille band in 1839, died at his home in Constantine Sunday morning. He was born at Sandy Hill, N. Y., in 1816, and settled in St. Joseph county in 1837. Two years later the Hull & Arnold band was organized, and the organization has been kept up to this day. Probably no organization of the kind in America was more widely known or had a better reputation for square dancing.—*Evening News*.

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BUCHANAN, MICH., Dec. 23, 1884.  
EDITOR RECORD: Seeing that you quote my caption, "Prohibition till it wins," I conclude that the article which follows is there for my special benefit. Therefore I wish to make a short reply. The object of the article appears to be to show that prohibition laws are a failure, at least in Iowa. I admit it, but the question is, why? Now, you claim to be in favor of suppressing the liquor traffic; you say "tax it to death," and you also claim that your party is the temperance party and that those who voted for St. John were insincere. Now, did not your temperance party enact the Iowa laws, and do not your temperance officials fail to execute those laws? Now, why this failure? If all those parties are sincerely in favor of making prohibition a success, and if you are sincere, why constantly try to show by your publication that prohibition always was and always will be a failure. I do not find prohibitionists, whom you call "insincere," working on that line, but the reverse. Did not the Republican press take a different view of sincerely in war time in regard to those who constantly said "The South cannot be conquered," "That isn't the way to accomplish it," &c. Did you think they were sincerely hoping and working for the success of our cause? We do not believe there is any reason why laws prohibiting the liquor traffic may not be enforced as easily as laws prohibiting any other crime, provided that the legislators, judges, and all other officials are "sincerely" desirous of making it a success. If there is any good reason, what is it? B. T. MONTLEY.

The enforcement of any law requires prosecution for its violation. Prosecutions need complaining witnesses who shall prosecute and produce evidence to convict.

Neighbor Morley is engaged in business that depends for life and success upon the patronage of others, among whom are a large number who occasionally drink. He knows that to enter into a spirited contest to enforce a prohibitory law will drive from him a portion of this patronage. Perhaps a little, perhaps more. He does not drink. Cares nothing for the traffic, either pro or con, excepting for the public good. He therefore, will not likely jeopardize his business in such a suit, when his neighbor, whose son may be going to ruin over the whisky ruin, will not make a move to stop it. His reasoning will be: "Why should I make a target of myself, and business for the protection of my neighbor's son, when the neighbor himself does not care to move in the direction?"

Again, neighbor Morley is aware of the difficulty he would meet with in making up a jury to convict, when he must select from a community, a large majority of whom are either interested in business precisely as he is, or who take an occasional nip.

This state had for twenty-six years, a prohibitory law that would close every saloon in the state, but for these very objections, and for no other, and it is not necessary for us to speak of the condition of affairs under that regime. It is too well known.

It is true the Republican party gave Iowa her prohibitory law, and it was for a Democratic judge to discover that the penalty was made the maximum allowed in a justice court, which, with costs of prosecution, would take all cases beyond the jurisdiction of justice courts, and all complaints must be made before the circuit court, this lessening the probability of a complaint being made; another to decide that the man who drank is equally criminal with the seller, again lessening the possibility of complaint. These, with the many difficulties that were met by the Michigan law, are some of the reasons for the failure in Iowa.

THE RECORD is not in favor of a prohibitory law, because it has been the universal rule that where they have been tried they have been total failures. A prohibitory law that is a failure is worse than no law on the question. THE RECORD is therefore in favor of a tax law that shall be like that practiced in Illinois, known as the Harper law, which shall place a heavy tax on the business and restrict it to as great a degree of respectability as is possible for that traffic, and at the same time make it bear the burden it places upon the public. THE RECORD is in favor of a prohibitory law when public sentiment is in favor of such a law to such a degree that it will see to the enforcement of the law. Such a condition may exist at some time, but it most certainly does not now.

Regarding the sincerity or insincerity of those who voted for St. John we can have but little to say. One of the leaders of that class in Buchanan remarked to the RECORD that he proposed to vote his principles if he knew he would vote the devil into power. Now to try to convince the RECORD that that man is not either shallow or in sincere would be a waste of wind.

A few years ago Dr. Frothingham, of Ann Arbor, employed one J. W. Hamilton to sell the Register office for him, which he did, and then demanded and sued for \$1,000 for his services. He obtained a judgment for \$180, which made the doctor so mad that he moved to Detroit. A new trial was granted on the doctor's plea, and now Hamilton's judgment increased to \$1,000. It is expected that this will make the doctor mad enough to move to Texas.

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