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D. H. BOWER, PUBLISHER AND PROPRIETOR. THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 1899.

Governor Pingree has appointed Mr. George A. Correll of Niles as county agent on the state board of corrections and charities, to succeed Mr. C. W. Whitehead of St. Joseph.

Commencing next Monday, Mr. W. H. Conchance, of Iowa, will have charge of the Evening Press of St. Joseph. A new type dress has been sent for and the office help will be increased. The paper will continue to be Republican in politics.

Friends of Rev. A. J. Eldred, who was many years ago a well known Methodist minister here, will be surprised to learn of his marriage to Miss Marion Bush, of Grand Rapids. He is 78 years of age, while the bride is 37.—Cassopolis Vigilant

One advantage of the newspaper over the circular as an advertising medium, says an old advertiser, is that it not only prints an advertisement but it attends to its distribution as well. What is more it gets the advertisement into the home, while the circular usually lays in the yard.

The Musician for February is a very interesting number and is one that will be of great benefit to musicians. The contents of this number is of high character, the descriptive matter being excellent and the seven pieces of music forming a part of this number being worth the subscription price of the magazine alone. Published by the Hatch Music Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

R. G. Dunn & Co's Review says: Beyond question business is expanding, and in many branches it is larger notwithstanding speculative combinations which tend to reduce it. All monopolies, or attempted monopolies, stimulate business while they are coming, but tend to stifle it after they come, and the throng of combinations and trusts which have been formed or proposed have given a temporary but very questionable impetus to trade. But beyond the influence of these there is a genuine and substantial enlargement of business, due to the unexampled prosperity of a growing population.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Enthusiastic and Harmonious. Large Attendance. The Republicans of Berrien county held their convention to select delegates to the State and Judiciary Conventions and also to nominate Ernest P. Clark to succeed himself as Commissioner of Schools for this county.

The Republican county convention met at 11 o'clock to day at the Academy of music in St. Joseph and was called to order by Hon. A. N. Woodruff, chairman of the county committee, who briefly thanked the Republicans of the county for their cordial support of the ticket last fall and at whose suggestion Mr. I. LeRoy Dodd of Buchanan was made temporary chairman.

The stage was patriotically decorated with flags and portraits of McKinley and Hobart and the seats in the hall, tagged as usual with the names of the voting precincts, were well filled with delegates. On accepting the place of honor assigned him, Mr. Dodd made an able and eloquent address of twenty minutes length, in which he congratulated the Republicans of the county, state and nation on their successes in the past and their prospects for the future, and dwelt in a complimentary way upon the high purposes and valuable achievements of the party.

Referring to the chaos of opinion at Lansing on the question of taxation, the speaker was heartily applauded when he expressed his belief that out of all the talk and views would come a law that would be just alike to the corporation and the people.

He was further applauded with enthusiasm when he referred to William McKinley as "that prince among men and glorious President of ours" and when he quoted at some length from the President's frank and wholesome views on the Philippine question, as spoken before the Market club of Boston last Wednesday night. He referred with pride to the victories that had followed our flag in the late war with Spain, to Dewey, Shafter and other heroes, and with tenderness to the heroes who fell at

San Juan, in the trenches at Manila and elsewhere, and rest in loving remembrance of the nation. Mr. Dodd referred to the high and honorable character of our courts and expressed the hope that the crime would continue unswayed. At the conclusion of the address the chairman was heartily congratulated on his most capable effort.

Dr. F. B. Hinchman, of Three Oaks, who was selected as temporary secretary, told the convention he esteemed it a great honor to serve in that capacity. The following committees were named and the convention adjourned for dinner.

Permanent organization and order of business—C. M. Van Riper, St. Joseph; S. M. Clawson, Naomi; Ed. Griffin, Niles; W. L. George, Benton Harbor; Daniel Swam, Galien. On credentials—A. L. Hammond and Geo. Bridgman, of Benton Harbor; Chas. Schultz, New Buffalo.

On dividing the county into delegate districts—D. H. Bower, Buchanan; L. C. Fyfe, St. Joseph; Thos. Mars, Berrien Center; A. N. Woodruff, Watervliet; H. L. Hess, Three Oaks.

On reassembling the committee on credentials reported all precincts represented and no contests. The report was adopted. The committee on organization and order of business was received and adopted and was subsequently carried out.

The temporary organization was made permanent. The report on division of county into delegate districts was received and adopted and was subsequently observed in the appointment of delegates.

On motion, G. W. Bridgman, John T. Owens, Alva Sherwood, C. B. Groat and William Gibson was appointed tellers. The officers were duly sworn by J. K. P. McCullough.

It was decided on motion to proceed to the selection of a candidate for county school commissioner. Hon. L. C. Fyfe addressed the convention in behalf of the renomination for that office of Mr. Ernest P. Clark, whose efficient administration of the past two terms and claims to further recognition were extolled in fitting and complimentary terms.

Mr. Fyfe said during the past four years Mr. Clark had raised the standard of the rural schools of Berrien to equal at least that of any other county in the state. He was characterized as a popular, successful and scholarly gentleman. Col. L. M. Ward, in a few words, supported the nomination of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clarence Q. Tappin, who has been talked of as a candidate, then addressed the convention. He said he had been all over the county during the past forty days in his own behalf, and he had decided, in the interest of Judge Coolidge and in view of Mr. Clark's splendid record to withdraw from the contest in favor of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Shearer, of Galien, presented the name of Byron J. Benson. Hon. Thomas Mars, in behalf of "the rural districts of this county almost wholly," seconded the nomination of Mr. Clark.

W. L. George, Edward Burton and others supported the nomination of Mr. Clark. Will Stevens, of Watervliet, who had also made some canvass for the office, stated that he preferred that his friends vote for some one else.

An informal ballot was taken for candidate, with the following result: E. P. Clark, 266; Byron J. Benson, 34.

Mr. Clark's nomination, amid considerable enthusiasm, was made unanimous. He was called on for a speech and after thanking the convention sincerely for the honor conferred promised to do all he could to repay the Republicans for their kindness and confidence by redoubting his efforts in behalf of the schools of the county.

Mr. V. M. Gore presented the following, and moved its adoption: The Supreme Court of Michigan has ever been to the people of this state an object of just and honorable pride; having earned for this state an enduring fame throughout the country and in foreign lands; and among the members of that tribunal who have contributed by scholarship and broad learning and sound legal judgment to the reputation and influence of that court, is the Hon. Claudius B. Grant, of Marquette. The Republicans of Berrien county, and as we believe the citizens of the state generally, most heartily commend his able and upright services and look with pride upon his career as a jurist; and we believe that the highest interests of Michigan will be subserved by his retention as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the delegates selected by this convention to attend the State Judicial Convention soon to assemble at Jackson, be and they are hereby instructed to cast the full vote of each delegation for Hon. Claudius B. Grant, as long as the majority of such delegation deem it advisable to do so.

The resolution was antagonized on political grounds, by Mr. Bridgman, who referred to the fact that Kalamazoo county, that had always stood by Berrien, had presented a candidate for Supreme Justice in the person of Mr. Boudeman. He hoped the resolution would be withdrawn.

F. R. Belknap, of Niles, opposed the resolution in vigorous terms, but did not disclose his motive.

C. N. Sears favored the resolution in a ringing speech.

J. T. Owens wanted the instruction feature of the resolution stricken out.

G. M. Valentine, while declaring his present preference for Judge Grant, also objected to the instruction feature.

Hon. A. N. Woodruff opposed the resolution on political grounds. He moved to lay the resolution on the table, and the motion was carried.

C. M. VanRiper, John Lane, B. L. Sims, Thos. Mars, Chas. H. French, John C. Wengert, D. H. Bower, A. W. Pierce, S. E. Marshall, H. L. Hess, A. D. Young, Howard Rose, E. S. Williams. Judicial (yet to be called) Thos. Holmrake, B. H. Van Camp, Jasper Fye, John T. Owens, C. N. Sears, R. D. Collier, J. W. Andrews, A. B. Morse, John C. St. Clair, F. P. King, A. S. Miller, S. M. Clawson, Andrew Shaver, Geo. Searls, A. A. Worthington, John Swam, G. W. Bridgman, F. H. Hinchman, R. M. Allen, E. C. Griffin, W. J. Gilbert.

Prior to the selection of judicial delegates W. J. Gilbert presented the following and moved its adoption: The Republicans of Berrien county recognize in Hon. O. W. Coolidge a capable and impartial judge, and we heartily congratulate him and the people of the second judicial circuit upon the splendid record he has made in discharging the responsible duties of his high office, to which he was called six years ago. We most heartily and cordially commend his candidacy for reelection and confidently believe that his re-nomination and election will promote the public good of this judicial circuit, and his reelection we would regard as a just tribute to his character as a citizen and his ability as a judge; and that the delegates elected by this convention be instructed to use all honorable means to accomplish the re-nomination of the honorable O. W. Coolidge at the judicial convention hereafter to be called.

After a spirited discussion in which the political feasibility of instructing the delegates; in view of the courtesy due to Cass county, was frankly questioned, the last clause, instructing the delegates was stricken out and the resolution was then adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. A. L. Hammond introduced the following resolution, which after brief discussion was defeated. WHEREAS, At the last election held in and for Berrien county it was emphatically apparent that the electors of said county desired the speedy enactment into law by the Legislature of what was then known as the "Atkinson bill," therefore be it Resolved, by the Republican party of Berrien county in convention assembled, that we earnestly request our senator and representative from this county to use their utmost endeavor to secure the passage of what is now known as the Cheever-Atkinson bill by the Legislature of this state during its present session. Be it further Resolved, That we condemn the action of all members of the legislature who have resorted to dilatory tactics regarding said bill or who have or hereinafter shall assist in any manner to defeat its enactment into law. The convention then adjourned.

OUR LANSING LETTER. LANSING, MICH., Feb. 20, '99. Special to Buchanan Record. A detailed account of all the bills notices and introduced by Michigan's law-makers during the past week would make a small volume. A few of the more important and unique measures only can be noted.

The special committee of thirty which has in charge the Cheever-Atkinson Bill and other taxation measures, begins its public hearings this week Thursday. They are to report Feb. 28. It is freely predicted that the original Atkinson Bill is dead beyond resurrection, but its main features may be reincarnated in a new bill to be brought forth by the committee.

Governor Pingree emphatically denies any disposition to compromise with the Michigan Central or any other concern. He says if the Atkinson Bill was unconstitutional you wouldn't see the antis opposing it, it would be just what they'd want.

Among bills creating wide spread comment over the state are the following: The liquor bill introduced by Representative Nevins of Allegan taxing every person who wants to drink as a beverage \$5 per year and requiring publication of the names of all persons so licensed every three months in some newspaper in the county. It also fixes the penalty of \$25.00 fine for each offense by any dealer selling to unlicensed drinkers, and the same fine is imposed upon the drinker who disposes of or loans his license to any other person.

Upon its introduction the members were inclined to treat it as a joke but it is made in good faith, is the law in Oregon and is said to be effective and productive of revenue. Senator Lyons proposes a bill prohibiting private individuals or private corporations from securing and placing little children in homes. It is designed to suppress the various "baby farms" and like institutions and likewise prohibit the importation of abandoned or dependent children into the state, and provides that all such institutions shall be incorporated by honorable, reliable people and under the supervision of the state, and shall be open to inspection at any time by those appointed to look after such institutions.

Representative Aldrich has incorporated some advanced ideas into a bill on the marriage question. He has presented a bill making it illegal for persons suffering from scrofulous and syphilitic diseases to be given a license to marry until they have presented to the County Clerk a certificate of a cure from a reputable physician.

Senator Flood introduced a bill designed to deal fairly with the saloons which pay the license and also to come at the evil of drug store liquor selling. It provides for the taxing of druggists who sell liquor in any form but pure alcohol. Senator Flood was for many years in the drug business and expects no opposition from druggists who are doing a legitimate business. Another bill designed to curtail the evils of the liquor traffic, introduced by Senator Lyon, prohibits the sale of any kind of liquors within three miles of any educational institution in the state.

In the line of anti-monopoly legislation is the bill by Representative Phillips which declares every sort of combination for the purpose of limiting outputs, raising prices or monopolizing the trade in any commodity, to be illegal and makes

void all agreements of that character. Representative Burch has modified his proposed telegraph bill so as to prevent any free messages or dead matter being sent, fifteen words going for ten cents, and fixing a uniform rate within the state of one-sixth cent per word. Representative Rushton proposes that insurance companies shall pay losses without waiting the sixty days now allowed.

Newspaper men of the state are interested in a bill by Representative Crosby which provides that a retraction of libelous matter published in any newspaper in the state shall operate as a bar to libel suits; also a bill providing for the publication of various public proceedings in newspapers, and a bill to require the publication of all mortgage foreclosure sales instead of posting as at present permitted. Senator Collingwood's bill providing for the establishment of a state printing office brought forth a protest from the state press association in session at Lansing the 18th inst. The following being one of the resolutions.

"Resolved, That we believe the people of the state will never sanction by their vote a constitutional amendment creating such establishment, and we will, as an association use every honorable means in our power to defeat such a scheme should it ever be submitted to the people."

An important bill is Nevins' school text book bill. This provides for a system of text books in all studies required for third grade certificates throughout the rural schools and the first eight grades of city schools, to be uniform but contains provisions for gradual introduction without affecting existing contracts and continues the option of free books contained in the existing laws.

Senator Collingwood presents a bill authorizing the State board of education to grant teachers' certificates to Agricultural College graduates. In the Senate the Graham Forsythe text book bill was reported out by the education committee.

Representative Howell wants to reserve the Eastern Inmate Asylum for female patients, and to provide that all female patients in state institutions shall be attended by female physicians only, except that one male physician may be called in council. Senator Flood introduced a bill to regulate the interests and charges that pawn brokers may collect, including the price of storage.

Representative McCall presented a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, the use of which he considers one of the most pernicious evils of the day.

Shepherd of Cheboygan noticed a bill providing for a Forestry commission for the purpose of protecting the remaining forests in the state. Senator Davis wants to reduce the legal rate of interest in this state to 5 per cent. Senator Sawyer wants to put a special tax of so much per barrel on beer, and provides how the proceeds of the tax shall be used. He also proposes a beet sugar bill giving one half of the bounty to the grower of beets and one half to the manufacturer of beet sugar.

Chairman Anderson of the fisheries and game committee presented a bill asking for an appropriation of \$92,500, \$15,000 for to auxiliary hatching stations in the north repairs, etc., and \$78,750 for each of the two years Senator Baker's appropriation bill for the upper peninsula Hospital insane at Newberry asks for \$255,000.

Senator A. G. Smith noticed a bill changing the pay of supervisors from \$3.00 per day back to \$2.00, and also a bill reducing the amount exempt from garnishment from \$25 to \$10. Goodell of Wayne introduced a joint resolution reducing the salary of Judges in Wayne county from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

Monday brought two more bicycle bills, one by Fleischer to create a state bicycle road commission, to survey, build and maintain continuous bicycle roads or paths along, upon or contiguous to certain public highways of this state and to impose the tax upon bicycle owners and riders, and to exempt bicycles from taxation as other property and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Letters unclaimed remaining in the Post Office at Buchanan Mich., Feb. 20 ending Feb., 20, '99. Miss Effie Brant, Mr. Wm. Smith, Mr. Claud McGowan and Mr. Harry Meiser. Geo. W. Noble; P. M.

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VANDALIA LINE TIME TABLE. In effect Sept. 18, 1898. Trains leave Gallen, Mich., as follows: FOR THE NORTH. No. 4, Ex. Sols., 1:30 P. M. For St. Joseph No. 14, Ex. Sols., 3:30 P. M. For St. Joseph No. 15, Ex. Sols., 5:30 P. M.

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Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Railway Co. Time Table. EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, 1898. GOING SOUTH. No. 2 No. 4 No. 6 No. 8 No. 10 No. 12 No. 14 No. 16 No. 18 No. 20 No. 22 No. 24 No. 26 No. 28 No. 30 No. 32 No. 34 No. 36 No. 38 No. 40 No. 42 No. 44 No. 46 No. 48 No. 50 No. 52 No. 54 No. 56 No. 58 No. 60 No. 62 No. 64 No. 66 No. 68 No. 70 No. 72 No. 74 No. 76 No. 78 No. 80 No. 82 No. 84 No. 86 No. 88 No. 90 No. 92 No. 94 No. 96 No. 98 No. 100

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COUNTY SEAT NEWS

CIRCUIT COURT. Case of Crosby vs. Cheseman; order entered to set aside default and five days allowed for complainant's solicitor to serve copy on defendant's solicitor.

In the case of the people vs. Andrew P. Calderwood for prize fighting, C. N. Sears was appointed to defend him.

In the case of Cora B. Weaver vs. Perley W. Hall; demurrer of defendant was argued and taken under advisement.

The case of Chas. F. Jasper vs. Wm. J. Diemer for trespass has been settled.

Harrison K. Potter of S. Joseph, by his attorney, Edward Bacon, has filed a narr against William Wallace to obtain \$800 for damages on account of ejection from property.

The Brant-Oonger tax case will be heard in the circuit court Thursday evening.

In the case of the Vulcan Iron Works vs. Alendinger, a judgment of \$352.75 has been rendered.

Alvin R. Robinson by his attorney, L. C. Fyfe, has filed a bill of complaint against John W. Tompkins, et al. The plaintiff claims the defendants desire to partition the undivided half of 180 acres of land, which Robinson owns. Hence he asks that he may get possession of the property and hold it.

The trial of the replevin case of Ennsley vs. Gilson was resumed Tuesday.

The jury in the case of Hiram G. Ennsley vs. Chester W. Gilson, replevin of stock of drugs, at 6 o'clock last week, Wednesday night rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Ennsley. Frank Braselin was his attorney. In this case 60 days has been granted to file a bill of exception.

All the county officers were closed yesterday, Washington's birthday. The jail inspectors visited the county jail yesterday morning and report everything in good condition.

Case of First National Bank, Buchanan, vs. Jacob Imhoff; judgment rendered in the sum of \$1,119.80.

The case of Frank E. Goulet vs. Geo. C. Koebel for alienating his wife's affections, was on trial yesterday. Both plaintiff and defendant reside in Royalton. The case was tried last October but the jury disagreed and a new trial was granted.

Charles R. Shaw, by his attorneys, George W. Bridgman and Edward Bacon, has filed a complaint against Frank Norris, Weasaw township treasurer. Shaw is assessed with \$308.02 due on Gallen river drain taxes and this the plaintiff claimed is illegal. He asks an injunction restraining Norris from selling the property assessed and Judge Coolidge has given an injunction.

The jury in the Calderwood prize fight case retired at 4 o'clock Friday and twenty-five minutes later returned with a verdict of not guilty.

HORSE THIEVES CONVICTED. The jury in the case of the people vs. Charles Thomson and Wm. Smith for stealing a horse at Buchanan rendered a verdict of guilty Wednesday night. Smith and Thompson fled to Ohio but Deputy Sheriff Wenger and Sheriff Ferguson did good work in capturing them. Friday morning Judge Coolidge sentenced William Smith to Iowa for two years and a half and Charles Thompson to the county jail for 90 days.

THE ENGINE CASE. The jury in the case of the people vs. Lorenzo Jones and Andrew Goins retired at 10 o'clock Friday morning. They were charged with malicious injury of personal property and are supposed to have dismantled an engine.

The attorneys for the defendants put up a good fight on the ground that the property was real and not personal but the court decided against them.

The jury in the engine case rendered a verdict of guilty late in the afternoon.

DIVORCE GRANTED. Portia Birkholm has been granted a divorce from her husband, Emily Birkholm, on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

OTHER NOTES. A motion has been made by Attorney Davis to carry the case of the people vs. Andrew Goins and Lorenzo Jones to the Supreme court as he believes the verdict of the jury as guilty cannot be affirmed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Arthur Reed, 21; Cora E. Mittan, 19; Berrien county.

Oscar G. Dixon, 32; Julia A. Fort, 27, Niles.

Eken Bretnell, 21; Benton Harbor; Jennie May Fisher, 21; Indiana.

Adolph Walden, 27; Royalton; Celia Stark, 27; St. Joseph.

Justus H. Collins, 33; St. Joseph; Loretta Dunn, 23; Grand Rapids.

Paul Nickles, 25; Benton Harbor; Sophronia Kreiger, 24; Balmbridge.

Walter Warner, 25; Jennie Wagner, 24; Berrien county.

BIG MARCH SPECIAL SALE! BEGINNING

Saturday, February 25th, And continuing through the month of March only, a great big cut in prices in almost everything. We will have a SPECIAL SALE, and to make it an inducement for you to trade with us we will make the

Big Cut in Prices During our Special Sale as Follows:

SHIRTS. Men's Percale Shirts, detached collars, regular price, 50c, sale 37c. Men's Percale Shirts, two detachable collars and cuffs, regular price 75c, March Sale..... 49c. Men's working Shirts regular price, 50c, March Sale..... 39c. These are all new goods, just received.

HATS. In Men's Hats, Fedora and Stiff, regular price \$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.50, all go at this March sale for..... 89c.

SHOES. Men's Dewey Calf Shoes, regular price \$1.25 and \$1.50, Special March Sale..... 99c. Boys' Dewey Calf Shoes, regular price \$1 to \$1.25, Special March Sale..... 79c.

MEN'S NECK-WEAR. A Large Assortment of Men's Neck wear, all styles, regular price, 25c, March Sale..... 15c.

OVERALLS. My Special Brand of Overalls is considered to be the best 50-cent Overall on market. Every pair has my special brand on, and are guaranteed not to rip, if so, bring them back; we will give you another pair.

In House Furnishing Goods. No. 8 Copper bot'm Wash Boilers, regular price 65c, March Sale..... 49c. No. 9, same, regular price 85c, March Sale..... 59c. 4-qt. Enamel Granite Tea Kettle, regular price 75c, March Sale 45c. 6-qt. Enamel Granite Kettle, regular price 50c, March Sale..... 29c. No. 9 Tea Kettle, copper bottom, regular price, 50c, March Sale..... 35c. No. 8, same, regular price 40c, March Sale..... 30c. Range Tea Kettles, regular price 15c, March Sale..... 10c. 3-qt. Enamel Granite Tea Pots, regular price 50c, March Sale..... 29c. 3-qt. Enamel Coffee Pot, regular price, 50c, March Sale..... 29c.

10-qt. Tin Flaring Pails, regular price 15c, March Sale..... 08c. 1 set Victor Bread, Cake and Pairing Knives, regular price 25c, March Sale..... 16c. Flour Sifters with crank, regular price 15c, March Sale..... 10c. Tin Cups..... 01c. Pins..... 01c. 3 Slate Pencils..... 01c. 1 Paper of Tacks..... 01c. 1 Paper Shoe Tacks..... 05c. 1 Pair Leather Shoe Taps..... 10c. 1 Stand and 3 Lasts for fixing shoes..... 25c. Shoe Repairing Outfit, regular price 75c, March Sale..... 50c. 120 Sheets good Writing Paper and 1 pack of Envelopes for..... 20c. 1 set good Knives and Forks, regular price 6c, March Sale..... 40c.

Cigars and Tobacco. In Cigars and Tobacco we keep all the leading brands, and the prices are right.

Remember We Are Headquarters for Almost Everything MORRIS, THE FAIR, Dealer in Almost Everything, BUCHANAN, - MICHIGAN.

THRILLED HIS HEARERS. Victor M. Gore's Eloquence Captured the banqueters at Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids Herald of today devotes a large part of two pages to a report of the Lincoln banquet at Grand Rapids Wednesday night, which was attended by a large number of guests from all parts of the state. The Herald prints the portrait of Mr. Victor M. Gore, of Benton Harbor, and publishes in full his eloquent address on "American Destiny," on which the Herald comments as follows: "Victor M. Gore, of Benton Harbor, stirred the banqueters up to a high state of enthusiasm. At times he had his hearers convulsed with laughter by his wit and humor and clever thrusts, and at other times his eloquently portrayed sentiments were an inspiration." Mr. Gore has already made a large and gratifying state acquaintance to which he is yearly adding new friends by his spreading fame as an orator and lawyer. In this widening field of influence his neighbors profit, for as Benton Harbor's citizens become more widely known it becomes a credit and an advantage to the community in which they live. Last Thursday's Benton Harbor Palladium.

Organized a Fair Association. Those interested in the formation of a new agricultural society and fair association met at the court house Saturday, and discussed the movement. Stock to the amount of about \$1,000 was subscribed, which assures the success of the undertaking. Temporary officers were elected, as follows: Hon. Chris. Holler, president; Dixon W. Place, vice president; Charles Knott, secretary; Eugene Miller, treasurer. Another meeting will be held two weeks from last Saturday, when the constitution and by laws will be adopted, and permanent officers will be selected. South Bend Times.

CASTORIA. Bears the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER. In use for more than thirty years, and The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Wanted. Skilled workmen in all departments. None but first class mechanics will be considered. Truscott Boat Mfg. Co., St. Joseph, Mich. Dr. Jesse Filmar, Dentist, successor to Dr. Stryker, office over G. W. Noble's.

CHARWOOD'S CANDY COUGH CURE. MADE AND SOLD AT THE CANDY KITCHEN ONLY. Assorted Chocolates, Bon Boms, Hand-Made Creams, etc. In fact, the finest line ever shown in Buchanan. Call and see us. SECOND DOOR NORTH OF BANK.

\$100 REWARD \$100. The readers of the Buchanan Record will be pleased to learn there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

ELOCUTION RECITAL. ROUGH'S OPERA HOUSE, FEBRUARY 24, 1899. BY THE PUPILS OF MISS MYRTLE MOSS MERICLE, Teacher of Elocution and Literature at Benton Harbor College. The Program will be an interesting one and will comprise Music and Recitations, concluding with Howell's laughable farce "THE REGISTER." Admission, - - 15c. Reserved Seats 10 cents Extra. DO NOT FAIL TO GO.

Berrien Co. Abstract Office, Court House, St. Joseph, Mich. Money to loan on improved farms at six and seven per cent according to amount and time. Farms for sale \$20 per acre and upward. Abstracts of Titles and titles examined. Telephone orders at our expense, if in a hurry, and abstracts will be sent by first mail, prompt service and lowest prices. Berrien Exchange Bank, Berrien Springs, Mich. Mr. Wilkinson will be at the Bank every Thursday. DIX & WILKINSON.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. ABSOLUTELY PURE. Makes the food more delicious and wholesome. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

SPECIAL SALE OF EMBROIDERY AND LACES. All the New Spring Styles. Now is the Time to use them. Now is the Time to Buy them. They are the best you ever saw for the money. I also have a nice new line of those Latest Newport Skirts, cheaper than you can buy the material and make them. And there are a few of those Boy's Trousers left, only 29 cents. A GOOD TIME TO BUY A GOOD ARTICLE CHEAP. MY FRIENDS, Space is too limited to allow the mention of all the Great Bargains to be found at THE PEOPLE'S STORE. S. P. HIGH, BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN.

I am closing out the following Holiday Goods at bargains this week. Toilet Sets, Xmas Books, Brush and Comb Sets, Dolls, Games, Perfumery, Fancy Work Baskets, Albums, Bibles, Cuff and Collar Boxes, And a full line of Juvenile Books, Xmas Goods. Don't forget that I handle ALLEGRETTI and LOWNET'S Chocolates. W. N. BRODRICK.

A Fine Line of Confectionery. Fresh Shipment of Oranges, Bananas, and other Fruits, just received. W. H. KELLER. Located in Reynolds Building. Bell Phone No. 27. Heddon Phone No. 31.

ALL QUOTATIONS ON WIRE AND NAILS ARE WITHDRAWN. E. S. ROE, HARDWARE.

HAVE YOU A SUIT? To buy for yourself or boys? An Overcoat, or anything in the Clothing line? If so, see the lines and prices I am showing. I have the Largest Stock in Buchanan. Bought when wholesale people wanted to make room for next season's goods. The price of retail is less than early wholesale. All made by the best of manufacturers. Rubber lines on Hand. The most stylish, up-to-date lines of Men's Box Calf Shoes in all shades. SCHOOL SHOES, strong and reliable. All guarantees lived up to. G. W. Noble.

TABLE ECONOMY. Doesn't mean scant supplies of good things to eat nor inferior qualities if you do your buying wisely. No choicer variety—no smaller prices anywhere. Imported Sultan Raisins. California Layer Raisins. New Layer Figs. New Peeled Evaporated Peaches. New Peeled Evaporated Apples. C. D. KENT.

WRITING TABLETS. The Largest and Best you ever saw for..... 10c. The Largest and Best you ever saw for..... 5c. See them and you will have no others. No more like them can be obtained. Buy you some quick. -AT- RUNNER'S

THE RURAL NEW YORKER FOR 1899. AN IMPORTANT NEW FEATURE OF THE RURAL NEW YORKER will begin with the first issue of January, and continue during the year. This will consist of a series of articles on important public questions by distinguished men of world-wide reputation. This departure, without interfering with its regular agricultural and horticultural features, raises THE RURAL NEW YORKER to the standard of the highest-class magazines. The Rural Grower. The editor-in-chief of THE RURAL NEW YORKER, Mr. E. S. Carman, who established the first rural experiment station in America, will continue during the coming year to describe the rears of the hardy evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs. Choice specimens are growing at the Rural Grounds, and many will be photo-engraved. Grapes and all small fruits will be tested and described, and field experiments with peas, potatoes, sweet corn, etc., will be continued. Live Stock and Dairy. For 1899 will be one of the strong features of the paper. Prof. S. O. Plumb, of Indiana, will give us a series of articles on "The Under of the Cow," "Dairy Form in the Cow," "Feeding Figs for Profit," "Good Grades vs. Scrub Purebreds." The Cow as a Machine. Is a subject which Dr. W. H. Jordan, Director of the New York State Experiment Station, has consented to discuss in an early issue. ...OVER TWO HUNDRED CONTRIBUTORS... Representing all sections of the country. SEND FOR A SAMPLE COPY. Address, The Rural New Yorker, 409 PEARL STREET, NEW YORK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Continued from Supplement. Mr. Stemm submitted the following report: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Berrien:

GENTLEMEN: We the undersigned members of the committee appointed to consider propositions for lighting and heating the county buildings, beg leave to report that we have had the same under careful consideration and believe that the proposition made by the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Electric Light Co., hereto attached is the best proposition for the county of Berrien and the best that has been submitted to this committee, recommend that this proposition be accepted and a contract with the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Electric Light Co. to be made in accordance with said proposition and the promises of Mr. Bean along that line.

IRA R. STEMM, W. E. KEITH. PROPOSITION OF BENTON HARBOR & ST. JOSEPH ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., JAN. 19, 1899. To the Board of Supervisors of Berrien County Michigan:

GENTLEMEN: In lieu of all propositions prior to this date the undersigned desires to submit the following proposition:

Will heat and light the court house and jail hereinafter specified for a term of three (3) years at Eleven Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$1,500.00) per year from April 15, 1899 to April 15, 1902, from October 1st, each year to June 1st each year and will furnish all necessary labor, coal, oil, waste and supplies, supplies meaning fuses and renewal of lamps, and furnish transformer, primary fuse-box and secondary wires from transformer to switch board in Jail cellar and necessary switch at the company's switch board or at any other proper place and furnish all steam pipes, covering and connections to connect in Jail cellar with the Court House and Jail pipes and wires (with the privilege of entering the Court House and Jail at all times) for the purpose of inspecting the heating and lighting apparatus. Will further agree to return as many lamps as are in the Court House and Jail now, to the Board of Supervisors at the expiration of this contract if said contract is not renewed. Said lamps all to be in good burning order and sixteen (16) candle power. In addition will furnish forty (40) sixteen candle-power lamps in the Jail until 10 o'clock p. m. every night from October 1st to June 1st each year and in the Court House until 6:30 p. m. from October 1st to June 1st of each year and will give additional light in Court House for the Board of Supervisors, Juries, Court, Abstract office and for any official after 6:30 p. m. if needed, free of charges, from October 1st to June 1st of each year. From June 1st to October 1st each year will furnish not to exceed forty (40) lights in Jail and what is needed in Court House until 6:30 p. m. and what is needed in Court House as above specified for a later time, on a meter, the rate not to exceed Thirty-seven and 50-100 Dollars (\$37.50) per month for four (4) months each year from June 1st to October 1st. Will give a reasonable bond for the faithful performance of this contract as specified.

Respectfully, BENTON HARBOR & ST. JOSEPH ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. By W. WORTH BEAN, President.

Mr. Austin submitted the following resolution and moved its adoption.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., Jan. 19, 1899. To the Board of Supervisors of Berrien County.

Be it Resolved, That this Board authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to commence proceedings against Joseph P. Beistle and his bondsmen to make an assessment against Hickory Creek and Hickory Creek extension drain to defray the expense all ready accrued on said drain so that the County and all persons connected may receive their money.

Motion prevailed. Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the minority report.

Mr. Harder moved as a substitute to adopt the majority report.

On motion of Mr. Gard the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Walker called for an aye and nay vote on the motion to substitute which was taken with the following result:

Ayes:—Messrs. Matrau, Rackliffe, Hipp, Seel, Bishop, Harper, Shearer, Peck, Harder, Clark, King, Gard, Kingsley and Jones.

Nays:—Messrs. Tichenor, Hemmingway, Austin, Howe, Keith, Caldwell, Smith, Diemer, Schwenk, James Babcock, Beall, Stemm, Cromer, Walker, Minnes, Heckman, Baker and John Babcock.

Mr. Harder moved as an amendment that the term of the contract be for one instead of three years and called for an aye and nay vote which was taken with the following result:

Ayes:—Messrs. Matrau, Rackliffe, Hipp, Seel, Bishop, Shearer, Peck, Harder, Clark, King, Gard, Kingsley and Jones.

Nays:—Messrs. Tichenor, Hemmingway, Austin, Howe, Keith, Caldwell, Smith, Diemer, Schwenk, James Babcock, Beall, Stemm, Cromer, Walker, Minnes, Heckman, Baker and John Babcock.

Mr. Peck called for an aye and nay vote which was taken with the following result:

Ayes:—Messrs. Tichenor, Matrau, Rackliffe,

Hipp, Hemmingway, Austin, Howe, Bishop, Harper, Caldwell, Smith, Diemer, Schwenk, James Babcock, Beall, Stemm, Cromer, Walker, Minnes, Heckman, Baker and John Babcock.

Nays:—Messrs. Tichenor, Harper, Kingsley and Jones.

On motion of Mr. Matrau the Board adjourned.

FREDERICK A. TICHENOR, Chairman.

JOHN W. NEEDHAM, Clerk.

JOHN BABCOCK, JOHN C. SCHWENK, J. A. PECK, Committee.

Mr. Harper moved that the reading of the minutes of to-day's session be omitted.

On motion of Mr. Matrau the Board adjourned.

FREDERICK A. TICHENOR, Chairman.

JOHN W. NEEDHAM, Clerk.

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Nays:—Messrs. Seel, Keith, Shearer, Peck, Harder, King, Gard, Kingsley and Jones.

An aye and nay vote was taken on its adoption with the following result.

Ayes:—Messrs. Tichenor, Austin, Howe, Keith, Caldwell, Smith, Diemer, Schwenk, James Babcock, Beall, Stemm, Cromer, Walker, Minnes, Heckman, Baker and John Babcock.

Nays:—Messrs. Matrau, Rackliffe, Hipp, Hemmingway, Seel, Bishop, Harper, Shearer, Peck, Harder, Clark, King, Gard, Kingsley, and Jones.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Howe was excused from further attendance.

Mr. Stemm submitted the following report, which on his motion was adopted.

To the Board of Supervisors of the County of Berrien:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the official bond of County Surveyor respectfully report that they have had the same under careful consideration and find that the Bond is legally drawn and the sureties thereon sufficient and recommend that the bond be approved.

IRA R. STEMM, B. D. HARPER, F. E. MINNES, Committee.

Mr. Keith moved that the Chair appoint a Committee of five to act with the Prosecuting Attorney to enter into a contract with the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Electric Light Co.

Mr. Gard moved as an amendment that the Chair appoint the same Committee of five who had the heating and lighting proposition under consideration together with the Chairman himself as a Committee to enter into the contract with the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Electric Light Company.

Mr. Keith moved as an amendment to the amendment that Mr. Gard be added to the Committee.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

The amendment as amended prevailed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Keith, Gard, Peck, Rackliffe, Stemm, Tichenor, and Valentine as a Committee to enter into a contract with the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Electric Light Company.

The Clerk read the appointment of James Babcock in the place of H. C. L. Forler resigned from 3rd ward of Niles.

Mr. Babcock submitted the following report on Per Diem and Mileage, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PER DIEM AND MILEAGE. Your Committee on Per Diem and Mileage submit the following report as the Pay Roll of the Board of Supervisors of Berrien County, Michigan, for the adjourned January session, 1899.

Table with columns: SUPERVISORS, MILES, AMOUNT, DAYS, AMOUNT, TOTAL. Lists names like S. M. Austin, Wm. A. Baker, John Babcock, etc.

First party will also furnish said heat as above described when needed for any or all of said buildings from June first to October first in each of said three years without extra charge.

First party will also light said Court House, Jail, and Sheriff's residence from June first to October first, in each year, during the hours and in the manner hereinbefore provided at Meter rates with discounts, a copy of said Meter rates and discounts to be hereto attached and made a part of this contract, but the prices of said lighting shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the four months of each year.

In case first party shall not have completed the connections and be ready to begin the performance of this contract on the 15th day of April, 1899, from its own plant, then said first party may take charge of the County plant and operate the same not later than May 15th 1899.

If said County has any coal, oil, waste or other supplies needed to operate said plant then said first party shall buy from said County such supplies at cost. In case the said first party shall not be prepared to comply with provisions of this contract in furnishing the heat and light contemplated in this agreement, from its own plant as early as May 15, 1899, then this contract may be terminated at the option of the Board of Supervisors.

After beginning operations, in case of accident to machinery or break down by which first party shall not be able temporarily, to perform its contract, said first party, during such time, may use the County plant to furnish such light and heat, and in consideration of such use or permission to use said County plant, said first party hereby agrees to return said plant at the expiration or termination of this contract, to the said party of the Second party in as good condition as when taken, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

First party is to furnish light and heat provided for by the contract from its own heating and lighting plant except as herein provided.

In consideration of the foregoing the said second party shall pay first party the sum of Eleven Hundred and Fifty (\$1150.00) dollars in each year meaning the same as One Hundred Forty-three and 75-100 dollars (\$143.75) per month during the said eight months of each year, for lighting and heating and also the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty (150.00) Dollars, per year, for the time from June first to October first, in each year, for lighting as hereinbefore provided. All bills to be paid upon the order of Board of Supervisors of said County Bills for the same may be presented at any session of the Board of Supervisors of said County.

For the faithful performance of the above contract said party of the first part enters into and gives a Bond to the County of Berrien for the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

WITNESSETH:—The hands of the parties aforesaid, the day and year, first above written.

IN DUPLICATE. BENTON HARBOR & ST. JOSEPH ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. By W. WORTH BEAN, President.

FREDERICK A. TICHENOR, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. JOHN W. NEEDHAM, County Clerk.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., JAN. 24, 1899. Memorandum of agreement made and entered into this 24th day of January, A. D. 1899, by and between the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Electric Light Company party of the first W. Worth Bean, its President, having been authorized thereto by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of first part Jan. 17, 1899; and Berrien County, Mich., party of the second part, by the Chairman of its Board of Supervisors and its County Clerk, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, Jan. 19, A. D. 1899, in connection with certain verbal agreements and stipulations entered into between the parties and not included in said written proposition.

First party agrees to properly light and heat the Court House and Jail at St. Joseph Mich., for the term of three years from April 15, 1899 to April 15, 1902, except during the months of June, July, August and September in each year; said lighting and heating to be equal to that heretofore furnished to said County by and through its own plant. The lighting to be electric and by the use of the same number of lamps and of equal capacity as the lamps now in use, or a like amount in Kilowatts to produce the same results. The voltage of the current at all terminals shall not be run higher or lower than the capacity of the lamps used, to receive and maintain their proper candle power and usual life.

First party is to furnish all necessary labor coal, oil, waste, and supplies meaning fuses and renewal of lamps and to furnish transformer, primary fuse box and secondary wire from transformer to switch board in Jail cellar or tunnel and necessary switches at first party's switch board or at any other proper places, and also to furnish all steam pipes, covering and connections to connect in Jail cellar or tunnel with the Court House and Jail pipes and wires. First party will also make all necessary excavations and restore the ground and sod and tunnel and wall with all convenient speed to the same condition, as near as practicable, as before making such excavations.

Said lights are to be turned on as early in the afternoon as needed and to be kept on in Court House until 6:30 p. m. after that, said light to be furnished in any or all offices in Court House when needed by Court Jury, Supervisors, Abstract Office or any Office of County Officers having offices in the Court House.

Said lights may be turned on at Jail, including Sheriff's residence when needed, at early candle lighting, and be kept on when needed until 10 p. m. and from 6:30 a. m. to 7 a. m. when needed.

First party to furnish steam at all times during the said eight months of sufficient pressure to maintain a temperature of at least seventy-two (72) degrees Fahrenheit, in any and all rooms in the Court House, Sheriff's residence, and Jail, and second party is to keep windows and openings closed so far as consistent with proper ventilation.

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accept said contract in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Supervisors. That the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and County Clerk execute the same.

(Signed) F. A. TICHENOR, J. E. HARDER, W. A. KEITH, IRA R. STEMM, H. A. RACKLIFFE, JNO. F. GARD.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., JAN. 24, 1899. Memorandum of agreement made and entered into this 24th day of January, A. D. 1899, by and between the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Electric Light Company party of the first W. Worth Bean, its President, having been authorized thereto by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of first part Jan. 17, 1899; and Berrien County, Mich., party of the second part, by the Chairman of its Board of Supervisors and its County Clerk, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, Jan. 19, A. D. 1899, in connection with certain verbal agreements and stipulations entered into between the parties and not included in said written proposition.

First party agrees to properly light and heat the Court House and Jail at St. Joseph Mich., for the term of three years from April 15, 1899 to April 15, 1902, except during the months of June, July, August and September in each year; said lighting and heating to be equal to that heretofore furnished to said County by and through its own plant. The lighting to be electric and by the use of the same number of lamps and of equal capacity as the lamps now in use, or a like amount in Kilowatts to produce the same results. The voltage of the current at all terminals shall not be run higher or lower than the capacity of the lamps used, to receive and maintain their proper candle power and usual life.

First party is to furnish all necessary labor coal, oil, waste, and supplies meaning fuses and renewal of lamps and to furnish transformer, primary fuse box and secondary wire from transformer to switch board in Jail cellar or tunnel and necessary switches at first party's switch board or at any other proper places, and also to furnish all steam pipes, covering and connections to connect in Jail cellar or tunnel with the Court House and Jail pipes and wires. First party will also make all necessary excavations and restore the ground and sod and tunnel and wall with all convenient speed to the same condition, as near as practicable, as before making such excavations.

Said lights are to be turned on as early in the afternoon as needed and to be kept on in Court House until 6:30 p. m. after that, said light to be furnished in any or all offices in Court House when needed by Court Jury, Supervisors, Abstract Office or any Office of County Officers having offices in the Court House.

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First party to furnish steam at all times during the said eight months of sufficient pressure to maintain a temperature of at least seventy-two (72) degrees Fahrenheit, in any and all rooms in the Court House, Sheriff's residence, and Jail, and second party is to keep windows and openings closed so far as consistent with proper ventilation.

First party will also furnish said heat as above described when needed for any or all of said buildings from June first to October first in each of said three years without extra charge. First party will also light said Court House, Jail, and Sheriff's residence from June first to October first, in each year, during the hours and in the manner hereinbefore provided at Meter rates with discounts, a copy of said Meter rates and discounts to be hereto attached and made a part of this contract, but the prices of said lighting shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the four months of each year.

In case first party shall not have completed the connections and be ready to begin the performance of this contract on the 15th day of April, 1899, from its own plant, then said first party may take charge of the County plant and operate the same not later than May 15th 1899.

If said County has any coal, oil, waste or other supplies needed to operate said plant then said first party shall buy from said County such supplies at cost. In case the said first party shall not be prepared to comply with provisions of this contract in furnishing the heat and light contemplated in this agreement, from its own plant as early as May 15, 1899, then this contract may be terminated at the option of the Board of Supervisors.

After beginning operations, in case of accident to machinery or break down by which first party shall not be able temporarily, to perform its contract, said first party, during such time, may use the County plant to furnish such light and heat, and in consideration of such use or permission to use said County plant, said first party hereby agrees to return said plant at the expiration or termination of this contract, to the said party of the Second party in as good condition as when taken, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

First party is to furnish light and heat provided for by the contract from its own heating and lighting plant except as herein provided.

In consideration of the foregoing the said second party shall pay first party the sum of Eleven Hundred and Fifty (\$1150.00) dollars in each year meaning the same as One Hundred Forty-three and 75-100 dollars (\$143.75) per month during the said eight months of each year, for lighting and heating and also the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty (150.00) Dollars, per year, for the time from June first to October first, in each year, for lighting as hereinbefore provided. All bills to be paid upon the order of Board of Supervisors of said County Bills for the same may be presented at any session of the Board of Supervisors of said County.

For the faithful performance of the above contract said party of the first part enters into and gives a Bond to the County of Berrien for the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

WITNESSETH:—The hands of the parties aforesaid, the day and year, first above written.

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TORCH IS APPLIED. Filipinos Start a Conflagration in Manila. THE PROPERTY LOSS IS ENORMOUS. Natives interfere with firemen and a conflict with their officers follows. Many Americans Wounded.

Manila, Feb. 23.—Wednesday night was one of terror to thousands of the inhabitants of Manila, the rebels making good their oft-repeated threats to the extent of burning acres of buildings, wounding an officer and three men by firing through windows during the excitement. At eight o'clock, an incendiary fire occurred in the Hotel de la Calle La Costa, in the Santa Cruz district. A stiff breeze was blowing, and the inflammability of the structures caused the blaze to spread with alarming rapidity. Within five days the city was completely gutted, and the English volunteer brigade from Santa Mesa was summoned and with a modern engine pumping adequate streams from the canal, succeeded after four hours work in being controlled in water control. Meaning the entire blocks and the greater part of two others across the street were completely gutted. Hundreds of inhabitants were rendered homeless. The Chinese and native firemen, however, were not so successful. The fire spread rapidly, and the firemen were unable to control it. The fire spread rapidly, and the firemen were unable to control it. The fire spread rapidly, and the firemen were unable to control it.

Second Officer Stranges of the Bulgaria, says that throughout all of the excitement and danger the conduct of the crew and passengers was excellent. The women were especially brave. He thinks there is little doubt that the Bulgaria weathered the storm that night, as she was sinking when he left her. To make matters worse during the storm 100 horses that were stabled on the upper forward deck, stampeded, and in their flight over the side, trampling each other to death. This state of affairs lasted until all but 20 had been killed or drowned in the wash of the waves. The butcher of the vessel with a number of seamen, went into the fore part of the vessel, and the heads that remained. This falling, as also the attempt to force the frozen animals overboard, their throats were cut. Before the maddened animals were shot, however, the butcher had both his legs broken and one of the seamen was badly injured.

The Koordistan, the third vessel that saw the distress of the Bulgaria, without being able to be of assistance because of the storm, arrived in Bremen on the 19th instant, and reported that the Bulgaria had foundered. Second Officer Stranges is reasonably positive that none were rescued from the wrecked vessel after she sank, and it is feared that 101 persons went down with her. The Bulgaria had no accommodations for first-class passengers, and all the passengers on board were in the steerage. They were mostly Germans from the states of the United States. She was not a regular liner, and had been in the service of the Hamburg-American line about a year.

FAVORABLE TO DREYFUS. PROSECUTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT WILL ASK THAT HIS CONVICTION BE ANNULLED WITHOUT A RETRIAL.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The *Sole* announces that M. Manau, the procurator-general, will submit his report to the Dreyfus affair next week. The report will ask the court of cassation, it is said, to annul the conviction with or without a retrial. If this is correct it shows that the evidence before the court not only proves Dreyfus innocent, but that the crime for which he was punished never existed, as the French allows the court to annul a conviction without ordering a retrial. If this is correct it shows that the evidence before the court not only proves Dreyfus innocent, but that the crime for which he was punished never existed, as the French allows the court to annul a conviction without ordering a retrial. If this is correct it shows that the evidence before the court not only proves Dreyfus innocent, but that the crime for which he was punished never existed, as the French allows the court to annul a conviction without ordering a retrial.

Reception at the White House. Washington, Feb. 23.—The public reception by the president and Mrs. McKinley deferred from February 7 to Wednesday evening was one of the most successful functions of the white house has ever known. As early as six o'clock the patient public had assembled at the outer gate. The reception lasted from 9 to 11, nearly 8,000 visitors being admitted. As a study of the American people the reception was most interesting. The president was most interesting. The president was most interesting. The president was most interesting.