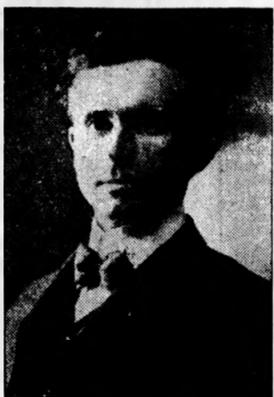


## BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD AND ARGUS CONSOLIDATE

**Thomas J. Tormey, Able Newspaper Man, Purchases Papers. P. A. Graffort Remains with Consolidation and Assumes Management of Job Department.**

A deal has been consummated within the past few days whereby T. J. Tormey, for many years city editor of the Niles Daily Star, has purchased the Berrien County Record, edited by E. J. Burch. At the same time, Mr. Tormey assumes the ownership of the Buchanan Argus. The two papers will be consolidated under the new management. With this issue, Mr. Graffort, who for the past eight years has published the Argus, lays aside the responsibilities as editor, but will remain with the consolidation, assuming the supervision of the job department.



Thomas J. Tormey, New Editor of the Berrien County Record

The retiring editor wishes to express to the merchants of Buchanan and public in general his most hearty thanks for the liberal patronage which has been given him during the period of his ownership and thus have assisted in making the Argus one of the best advertising mediums in the county. It is with much regret that we part with the pleasant associations we have formed but we are pleased to extend to Mr. Tormey the hospitality of the people of Buchanan, knowing that he is an able newspaper man and that a better paper will be forthcoming than was ever published in Buchanan before. We sincerely hope that courtesies given the Argus will be extended to the new management, all of which will be fully appreciated.

The job department will be one of the best equipped plants in the county and promptness, and exactness our motto.

Editor Burch who for the past year has published the Record goes to Dowagiac to take charge of the Round Oak company's printing plant. The relations between the two papers have been most friendly and courtesies were often extended. We heartily wish Mr. Burch success in his new adventure.

P. A. GRAFFORT, Publisher

### SALUTATORY.

To the people of Buchanan and vicinity the new editor and publisher of The Berrien County Record extends a hearty greeting, and desires to express appreciation of the cordiality with which he has been met by those with whom he has already come in contact in Buchanan.

Roscoe Burch, editor and publisher of The Berrien County Record, this week writes his valedictory, as does Phay Graffort, editor and publisher of the Argus, and the papers are to be merged. The career of both these men has been attended with usefulness to the constituency which they have served, and I, their successor, will endeavor to carry on the work in a satisfactory manner, making improvements from time to time in the consolidated paper. The Argus will be discontinued, but The Berrien County Record will fill out the unexpired subscriptions, and thus enter into the good will of the paper.

To give Buchanan and vicinity an ideal weekly is my aim. I shall undertake to cover the entire locality and adjoining villages, and, with the aid of correspondents, to mirror every local event. The columns of The Berrien County Record will not be allowed to go stale by printing news that is old, but, to the contrary, fresh, sparkling items that will interest the people will greet the eye of its every reader. News of Buchanan and vicinity will receive first consideration, and while news of real worth will be gathered from all parts of the county, it will be subordinate and incidental, the paper being intensely local. In short, it will be the aim of The Berrien County Record to make all the readers living within the jurisdiction of its circulation feel that the paper is in a sense their property and that it will be glad to print any item of news they may have.

Fakes and "freak" stories will be excluded from the columns of the paper. It will play no favorites. It will be a crisp, newsy paper that can go into every home, and its prime

motive will be to create a spirit of belief in the town, of confidence in its opportunities, of faith in its future. The paper will gladly cooperate with the village board of trustees and Business Men's association in an effort to advance industrial Buchanan, and thus promote the welfare of the town.

The almost unlimited electric power which is available here should be vastly helpful to the Business Men's association in their effort to induce manufacturing concerns to come here, and it is to be hoped that a number of successful and aggressive companies will be secured.

The Record will be independent, and regardless of the stand the editor sees fit to take, he will always have respect for the convictions of other men, and will honor them with the recognition of his pen. The paper will paint things in their true color, the editor not being a believer in shams, but what the editor writes will be what he believes, and he will aim at all times to be fair, reasonable and just.

In absorbing the Argus, The Berrien County Record has pursued the proper course, as, in the very nature of things, neither could have a promising future with both in the limited local field. The consolidation will make possible a better paper than either The Berrien County Record or the Argus could afford to produce with both in the field. It also provides a more satisfactory and cheaper medium through which advertisers can reach all of the people of Buchanan and vicinity. The deal means in reality the consolidation of three newspapers, as The Berrien County Record is a merger of the Buchanan Record and the Galien Advocate.

The fact is not to be lost sight of that The Berrien County Record goes into many farm homes, and it is my intention to devote liberal space to farm topics and special articles on scientific farming. In the near future a special farm edition will be issued from this office monthly, and the paper will be mailed to every farmer in Berrien county.

From time to time improvements will be made in the paper, and every effort will be put forth to furnish subscribers with an up-to-date and satisfactory service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thos. J. Tormey.

The hearing on the petition of the Southern Michigan Railway company for an injunction to restrain Mayor Earl from tearing up its tracks on Main street, between Front and Second streets, which was to have taken place Saturday was postponed until next Thursday. City Attorney Burns was ready to proceed, but the railway company desired a continuance inasmuch as Attorney M. Howell could not give the matter his attention at present.

## SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

**Frank Corey, of Niles, Demands Damages for Injuries Sustained at Paper Mills.**

Frank Corey, a former employe of the French Paper company of Niles, Monday morning started suit in the circuit court for permanent injuries which he alleges to have received while in the employ of the company on August 7, 1906, more than three years ago.

Negligence on the part of the defendant company in neglecting to place lights in a shed in which he was working, is the ground on which the suit is based and which is responsible for him being reduced to a hopeless cripple for the remainder of his days.

According to Corey's declaration he is paralyzed from the legs down, thereby rendering him a hopeless and permanent cripple.

Corey states that it was his work to load bales of paper pulp onto a tram car and push the same into the factory. The bales were loaded in an outside shed, which was not lighted. He was on the night shift at the time of the accident, and alleges that on the evening of August 7, 1906, a bale fell over on him and resulted in the injuries set forth. He declares that had the shed been lighted he could have seen the falling bale and reached a place of safety in time.

Evidently anticipating a legal fight Corey has retained three prominent attorneys of Dowagiac, to represent him.

## December Jurors

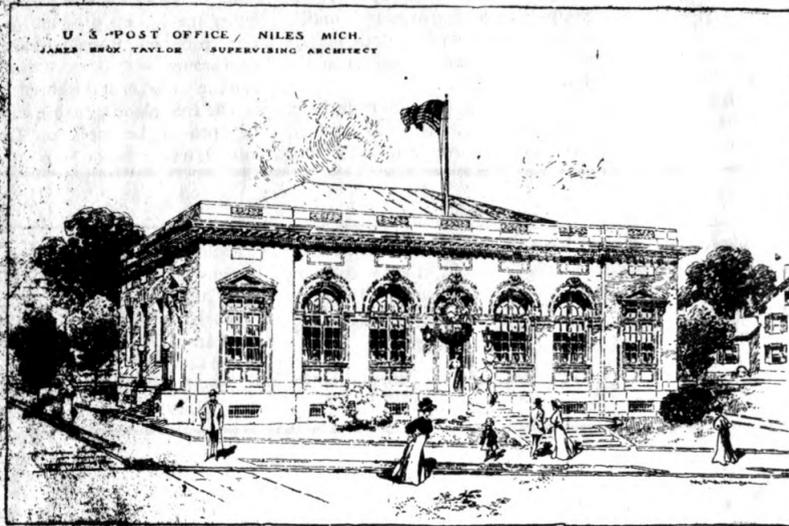
### To Assume Duties Next Monday.

The following list of jurors for the December term of the circuit court have been drawn.

- Becker, William, New Buffalo township.
- Copp, Edward, Niles City, third ward.
- Carpenter, Mark, Weesaw.
- Dewitt, E. A., Benton Harbor, second ward.
- Durm, Fred J., Niles City, second ward.
- Dukesherer, Joseph, Watervliet.
- Edwards, Oscar, Chikaming.
- Eisenhart, Fred, Royalton.
- Forbes, Harvey, Benton Harbor, first ward.
- Foster, John A., Niles township.
- Gassner, J. E., Lake.
- Hopkins, Arthur, Benton Harbor, third ward.
- Hinman, Schuyler, Galien.
- Heim, Daniel, Oronoko.
- Harbor, Thomas, St. Joseph City, fourth ward.
- Lane, John, St. Joseph township.
- Miller, Dowling, Benton Harbor, fourth ward.
- Moore, Louis, Berrien township.
- Murphy, Timothy, St. Joseph City third ward.
- Rector, S. J., Sodus.
- Rutledge, Charles, St. Joseph City, first ward.
- Rist, Mathias, Three Oaks.
- Schaus, Charles, Bainbridge.
- Slayton, Jennie, Benton township.
- Stanley, Merritt, Hagar.
- Stoll, Mathew, Niles City, first ward.
- Skalla, Frank, Niles City, fourth ward.
- Tichenor, Charles, Buchanan.
- Taube, William, Lincoln.
- Wells, Charles H., Bertrand.
- Williams, A. O., Pipestone.
- Wilkinson, Frank N., St. Joseph City, second ward.

A Thanksgiving number of the Christian Science Monitor was presented the editor Monday by Mrs. Woodworth. Altho one year old, it has grown and is meeting with even greater success than was anticipated. This anniversary edition contains 96 pages of excellent material with a circulation of a quarter of a million. The Christian Monitor is not a sectarian newspaper although a unique departure in the journalistic field.

## POSTOFFICE AT NILES IS TO COST ABOUT \$44,000



NEW FEDERAL BUILDING AT NILES

James W. Brock of St. Joseph, who has been named by the government to design the new federal building at Niles, Mich., has estimated the cost of the building at \$44,000. The time allowed for the completion of the building is February 1, 1910. Through the efforts of Congressman Hamilton, the building was long hoped to be secured for the building for his town, Congress appropriated \$40,000

In 1906 for a federal building and site at Niles, but last year Congressman Hamilton secured an additional appropriation of \$20,000, making \$60,000 in all.

In 1907 a site at Main and Fourth streets was purchased for about \$6,000. The building fronts on Main street. The structure, which is of granite and limestone, is a one story with basement. It is about 85

feet high and has a frontage of 80 feet. The roof is of copper. As per the plans and specifications, the interior finish will be very elaborate.

Postmaster Carmi R. Smith, who was recently reappointed for another term of four years, will be the first postmaster to occupy the new building, which Contract or Stock expects to have completed before the appointed time.

## BENTON HARBOR HAS NEW POSTMASTER

**C. K. Farmer Captures Prize After Hard Political Battle. Fight Narrows Down to Two Candidates**

Charles K. Farmer, present superintendent of the fourth ward, will be elected postmaster of Benton Harbor, succeeding the present incumbent, John T. Owens, who is now rounding out his second term making in all eight years. Official announcement of Mr. Farmer's selection will be made by Congressman Hamilton tomorrow.

Mr. Hamilton made a flying visit to St. Joseph yesterday. He was at the Hotel Whitcomb about an hour and then returned to Niles. While he made no open announcement as to who would get the appointment it became generally known during the day in political circles that Mr. Farmer was to get the plum. Last evening the chief workers and lieutenants of both parties admitted that the fight was over and that the battle had been won by the Farmer forces.

There were only two candidates in the race for the appointment at the end, Mr. Farmer and Mr. Bird. Something like two years ago Mr. Bird was the first to announce his

candidacy for the office. Mr. Farmer followed and afterward Chester C. Sweet got into the running. The last candidate to enter was Walter R. Banyon.

About a month ago the fight began to warm up in earnest. There were four candidates and they were pushing their candidacies with equal vigor. Then suddenly Chester Sweet withdrew, his support going to Mr. Farmer.

The second and last man to withdraw was Mr. Banyon. The merger of the Sweet and Farmer forces convinced Mr. Banyon's friends and supporters that the fight for postmaster was hopeless but that there was yet a chance to pull down the deputyship. With strong supporters advising him to withdraw and pledging their support to the last for the deputyship Mr. Banyon notified Mr. Hamilton last Friday morning that he could be considered out of the race for postmaster but that he was using his strength in an effort to land the deputyship.

## Tilly Case Goes Over

**Convicted Man will be Allowed to go Free Until Jan. 6.**

Emil Tilly, convicted of manslaughter in the slaying of his father last June, was not sentenced Thursday morning when Judge Coolidge convened court after the Thanksgiving vacation. That was the date which the court set for the appearance of the young farmer for sentence and for the hearing of the motion for a new trial.

Prosecuting Attorney Andrews, however, has been indisposed and because of his health it was decided to continue the case over until the 6th of January. At that time the motion for a new trial will be heard and disposition made of Tilly's fate under the verdict rendered against him.

When Tilly was convicted a few weeks ago the court permitted the bail to rest at \$2,500. Charles Jones and T. L. Wilkinson qualified and the convicted man was again given his temporary liberty. The same bondsmen have re-qualified for the same amount of bonds and so Tilly was allowed to go until January 6th.

## BIBLE CLASS GRADUATES NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

**Interesting Exercises to take Place at Hill's Corners Christian Church.**

At the Hill's Corners Christian church next Sunday evening, a class of five, which has been taking a bible course under the tutelage of Miss Hawley, will be graduated. The members of the class are Miss Gladys Crandle, Miss Ella Stevens, Harold Backmun, Dale Crandle and Miss Anna Hess. The general public is cordially invited to be present at the graduating exercises.

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