

TOWN AND COUNTY.

The perfume of apple blossoms in the air, and bills payable in our pocket.

A light frost on Monday night. Not enough to blast the hopes for a large fruit crop.

H. Turner, of Delhi, will have an auction sale of farming implements, stock, etc., next Tuesday forenoon.

The Rev. Lyman Chase, of Methuen, Mass., will preach at the Baptist Church, in this city, next Sunday, morning and evening.

We are unable to give a report of the Circuit Court proceedings this week, but will have it appear in next week's issue.

The editor of this sheet has the mumps. His face and head is so swollen, he resembles an inflated demijohn.

Isaac Woodhouse and John Flora were the delegates that attended the Democratic State Convention, at Lansing, yesterday.

Arrangements have been made for half past the D. L. & L. M. R. R. for all attending the Howell House show on May 31st, June 1st and 2d.

Chas. C. Fitch, and Lambert Bunell went to Oakley, Tuesday night to examine into the feasibility of starting a skating rink at that point.

The little rough and tumble about to be engaged in Tuesday, between our worthy and our doubtful, was nipped in the bud, by the prompt interference of our City Marshal. For shame boys.

An acquisition to the business of the city in the wholesale liquor house about opening in the Gunn building, under the management of the proprietors, Messrs. Alderson & Brown.

Chas. Fitch has purchased the interest of Stanley W. Turner in the grain elevator heretofore owned and operated by Messrs. Flora & Turner. The business will be conducted under the firm name of Flora & Fitch.

The enterprising farmer near Chapin's Crossing have "chipped in" and purchased a set of Fairbanks' hay and stock scales. They have been set up in a convenient location, and hereafter produce etc. will be sold by the pound.

H. B. Carpenter, Esq., the liveliest disciple of Blackstone of them all, is in town. He is a very social gentleman and loves a good story, and knows how to tell one, but like Dickens' Major Stoddart, in Dombey & Son, is "devilish shy."

On Saturday evening, last, Mr. Geo. W. Palmer, living about two and one half miles south-west of the city, was quite severely kicked by a horse, near the right temple. The wound, although painful, seems to be doing well.

In last week's issue we made mention of Mike Foley's quitting the service of A. J. Bailey under protest as to wages. We wish to correct the error: We are informed by Mr. Foley that he is in the employ of the M. C. R. R. at wages ample and satisfactory to himself.

The other day, Geo. James, of this city, showed us a hen's egg which measured 4 1/4 inches in circumference. Upon breaking it, it was discovered that a full sized egg, with a perfect shell was inside. Who can explain away this mystery?

We learn that the Democratic State Convention is largely attended by enthusiastic delegates. An important vote was taken at the Lansing House, Tuesday evening, which resulted in a decided preference in favor of Tilden, of New York, but it is probable the delegates to the National Convention will go unpledged.

Wm. Hart, who was sent up for sixty days by Justice Hammond, for stealing, gave Constable Ryan quite a lively chase while waiting for the train at Jackson. A horse and buggy, of which Ryan made use, saved his game. Hart, for one of his age, is an old offender, having already served nearly three years in bondage.

Last Friday, a tramp by the name of John Hart, with half a dozen aliases, was arraigned before Justice Hammond on a charge of stealing sundry articles from the house of John Bonalleck, in Aurelius. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction for sixty days. Frank Lyon left with the prisoner on Saturday.

It is expected that this term of Court will extend over a period of three weeks. The bright particular luminaries of Ingham Bar are on hand to engage in anything from a chicken suit to the destruction of a millionaire. We understand there is an interesting breach of promise suit on this term. The poor lacerated heart will probably want a \$10,000 plaster.

The Baptist society have under consideration the engaging of the Rev. Mr. Harris, a graduate of Yale College, and a theological seminary of high repute. Mr. Harris filled the pulpit upon invitation, the first Sunday in May, with so much satisfaction to the society, that if the financial difficulty can be overcome, we can expect a treat in sound doctrinal oratory from him soon again.

The committee of arrangements for decoration day (next Tuesday) request all who can furnish flowers for the occasion to take them to the Court House as early in the morning as eight o'clock, so as to enable the ladies to make them into bouquets and wreaths during the forenoon of the day.

En. News.—Dear Sir,—I had a swarm of Italian bees come out on Friday of last week, and two on Wednesday of this week. They are all doing nicely. If any of your Granger friends have done better, send in names, and in a few days call and eat strawberries at my expense. W. W. Root.

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MASON, MICH., THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1876.

WHOLE NO. 907.

The Farmer's Club held an open air meeting last Saturday, in front of Darrow & Co's store. The meeting was addressed by a celebrated horse doctor, on the anatomy and physiology of the horse and how to treat his ailments and diseases. The attendance was large, and those who heard the address throughout expressed themselves highly gratified. Meeting next Saturday at their rooms. Arrangements for the plowing match will then be completed.

CARD OF THANKS.—The undersigned, and other relatives and friends of the late Geo. D. Pease desire in this manner to thank the neighbors and public for their extraordinary kindness to the deceased and family during their late long and terrible affliction. They wish to make special mention of the services of the choir at the funeral. May God bless them that "weep with them who weep." Mason, May 18th, 1876.

ORNELIA PEASE.

The Democratic County Convention held in this city, on Saturday, was quite largely attended by delegates and others from Lansing, Hon. M. M. Atwood of Lansing occupied the chair. The first informal ballot, for delegates to the State Convention resulted in favor of W. H. House. A motion was then made that W. G. Wiley be nominated by acclamation. A ballot being called for, Mr. Wiley received 35 votes, A. N. Hart 20, scattering, 9. Mr. Wiley was made the unanimous nominee. The balance of the delegates were chosen by acclamation, as follows: John Flora, Mason; S. E. Jeffers, Meridian; Wm. White, Williamston; F. S. Fitch, Bunker Hill; John Craddock, Leslie; M. M. Atwood, Danville. A resolution was offered expressive of preference for Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, for the Presidency, which was adopted enthusiastically. Some little crumbs of comfort were given, in the way of speech making, by F. S. Fitch, Geo. P. Sanford and others. The striking appearance of many of the delegates, was rendered absurd by high stepping. It must have been particularly galling to some of those who came to give expression to high toned sentiment, to see their friends and representative party men wallowing in a state of beastly intoxication, and the idiotic expressions made use of, were disgusting enough. This is the party that seeks reform and purity. It looks like it!

Decorating Day.

The soldiers and citizens of Mason and vicinity, are requested to meet at the Court House, in Mason, on Tuesday, May 30th, at 1 A. M., for the purpose of decorating the graves of the following named soldiers:

A. E. Steele, Henry Steele, Bela Watkins, P. McKernan, Alex. Gunn, Chas. Meach, Richard Childs, John Corey.

The following is the programme:

MUSIC.
PRAYER, Rev. G. W. Barlow.
MUSIC.
READING, Miss Hattie Vandercreek.
ORATION, Rev. A. A. Knappen.
MUSIC.

The procession will then form under the direction of the Marshal, Maj. W. W. Root, and march to the cemetery, where the following order will be observed:

THE DECORATION OF THE GRAVES.
MUSIC.
ADDRESS, Capt. D. H. McComas.
MUSIC.

Further remarks will be made by Judge Huntington, Maj. L. H. Ives and others.

The procession will then re-form and march to the Court House, where they will be dismissed.

By Order of the Committee,
Mason, May 25, 1876.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, May 16th, 1876.

To the People of the State of Michigan:

I have received notice from the office of the Department of State, at Washington, of the passage, by Congress, of the following Joint Resolution:

That it be the duty of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that they do and they cause to be done, by such means and in such manner as they may think proper, to cause to be printed and distributed to the people of the several States that they assemble in their several counties or towns on the approaching Centennial Anniversary of our National Independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation, and that a copy of said sketch may be filed, in print or manuscript, in the Clerk's office of said county or town, to the intent that a complete record may thus be obtained of the progress and institutions during the first Centennial of their existence.

Approved, March 13th, 1876.

I earnestly hope that in the celebration of the Anniversary of our National Independence this State, the recommendation may be universally regarded.

Our record is yet new and familiar to us, our development and growth is a history of continued prosperity, and it is eminently proper in this Centennial year, while receding with gratitude the beneficence of Divine Providence in His dealings with us, that we should put upon record, for those who are to come after us, the history of a State that in forty years has grown to be an empire with a million and a half of people—educated in public schools—blessed in a common prosperity—and united as citizens of a common patriotism.

In addition to the request of Congress that copies be filed in the Library of Congress, and the county records, I suggest that copies be sent to the State Library at Lansing.

JOHN J. BAUER, Gov.

A number of interesting items crowded over until next week.

Annual Meeting of the Ingham County Pioneer Society.

The fourth annual meeting of the Ingham County Pioneer Society was held at M. E. Church in the city of Mason, on Tuesday, May 23, 1876, and was called to order by the President, W. A. Dryer.

The meeting was opened by Rev. A. A. Knappen, of Mason.

On motion the President appointed E. Northrup, Sam'l Skadan and Geo. Webb, a committee to take into consideration a change of time in holding the annual meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock P. M. by the President, who delivered a short and appropriate address, as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen, Members and Friends of the Ingham County Pioneer Association: We have abundant reason to offer up our warm, heartfelt gratitude and praise to Him the wise ruler of the universal world, the great dispenser of all good, who has prolonged our lives to meet once more in this social gathering to renew our former warm attachments, such as only pioneers feel and know how to appreciate, live and enjoy again some of the happiest days of our lives; happiest, because full of hope, expecting to see what we now behold, one of the finest counties in our beautiful Peninsular State. In the fertility of our soil, morality, intelligence and enterprise, and consequent thrift and happiness of our people, surpassed by none. Some of us have seen the dense forest, "A wilderness bad and blossom as the rose."

When I travel in that part of the county where I settled, only two or three months less than forty years ago, I cannot make it appear real, in thinking of its history, and of those who acted a prominent part in its development, together with my own, seems like a dream, and God forbid that we should remember much less expect here to be recorded any thing but their Christian, noble, generous, heroic and self-sacrificing deeds for the well-being and happiness of their neighbors; and when I think of the old pioneers all over the county, one by one, as I very often do, my heart swells with emotion and true brotherly love. And more especially should we be careful of the fair fame of those who have gone to their reward. Many of them had warm friends, some of which may be alive and here, and we should respect their feelings. They, the dead, are but just a step or two before us just over the line, and we too, will soon have told our last pioneer story to our friends.

Not only for the above named object do we meet, but to obtain and hand down to posterity an authentic history of the early and settled settlements of each town in the county, with incidents and anecdotes, joys and sorrows, deprivations and hardships of individuals that all in turn more or less experienced, which could not fail to make an interesting volume, which would sell for enough to pay all expenses and leave a handsome balance in our treasury. The incentive steps have heretofore been taken, committees have been appointed with this end in view, and some considerable progress has been made, of which we shall be informed by the Secretary and the reports of the committees, and I hope the close of this meeting to-day, the consummation of the above named much desired object will be assured. Whatever of business may be presented for our consideration, let us discuss it carefully and as expeditiously as may be, and in our conference exercises let us be as concise and explicit as will be consistent with a comprehensive relation of that we desire to say, that when we adjourn this afternoon we shall all feel to truly say, "that it has been good for me to be here."

The last meeting were read and approved. The committee appointed to consider a change of time in holding our annual meeting, made a report, that hereafter the annual meetings of this society be held on the 2d Tuesday of June.

On motion the report was accepted, and on further motion it was adopted.

The Secretary made his report showing a balance on hand at the commencement of the year of \$11.00; receipts from dues of members during the year, \$18.50; total, \$29.50; expenses paid and Secretary, \$12.50; leaving on hand \$17.00, which report was accepted.

On motion the meeting proceeded to the election of officers *enrico* vote, to serve the ensuing year, and the following persons declared duly elected.

President—Wm. A. Dryer, of Lansing.
Vice President—A. H. Hawley, of Veray.
Treasurer—Sam'l Skadan, of Ingham.
Secretary—Peter Lowe, of Mason.
Executive Committee—Wm. H. Horton, of Veray; O. M. Barnes, of Lansing; J. M. Williams, of Williamston.

On motion of M. McRobert the following named persons in the several townships were appointed as correspondents for their several townships, whose duty it shall be to give notice to the Secretary of the death of any pioneers in their respective townships, giving their names, ages, time and cause of death, and other information that may be of interest to this society, viz:

Lansing, Wm. A. Dryer; Aurelius, John H. Webb; Meridian, John Ferguson; Veray, A. M. Chapin; Williamston, James M. Williams; Ingham, Marcus Deer; Locke, James Sullivan; White Oak, Abram Layner; Le Roy, A. F. Horton; Stockbridge, Wm. H. Stephens; Wheatfield, George Fletcher; Bunker Hill, James Birney; Alanson, Rudolphus Tryon; Leslie, S. O. Russell; Delhi, Wm. Somerville; Onondaga, Jas. S. Pierson.

On motion the name of David Phelps, of Howell, was substituted for D. L. Borden, as historian for the township of Locke.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the several persons appointed at our last meeting to procure the histories of certain townships, to complete and forward such histories to the Secretary without unnecessary delay.

On motion of M. McRobert, the Secretary was instructed at a proper time previous to the next annual meeting, to notify each member by postal card of the time and place of meeting.

After hearing remarks from the President, W. H. Horton, M. Vaughn, Mrs. Branch, Mrs. Skadan and others, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

W. A. DRYER, President.
P. LOWE, Secretary.

The Mason Light Guards.

First Annual Election of the Officers of the Company.

The first annual meeting of the Mason Light Guards for the election of officers of the company was held at the County Clerk's office, on Saturday evening last, May 20th. About thirty-five members of the organization were present.

The meeting was called to order by S. W. Turner, chairman of the previous meeting held for the preliminary organization of the company, on the 13th inst.

On motion, I. B. Woodhouse was elected chairman, and J. C. Squiers chosen secretary.

The roll being called, on motion of S. W. Turner, the company proceeded to the election of the civil officers by ballot, which resulted as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT.

John H. Sayers, 20
I. B. Woodhouse, 1
Scattering, 1

On motion, Mr. Sayers was declared elected.

FOR TREASURER.

Lewis G. Webb, 28
Scattering, 1

On motion, Mr. Webb was declared elected.

FOR SECRETARY.

John C. Squiers, 20
Scattering, 1

On motion, Mr. Squiers was declared elected.

On motion, the company proceeded to the election of military officers, with the following result:

FOR CAPTAIN.

Ajmonio Cheney, 22
Alex. Bush, 1

On motion Mr. Cheney was declared elected.

FOR FIRST LIEUTENANT.

A. J. Bartlett, 15
Alex. Bush, 1

There being no choice, a second ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

A. J. Bartlett, 22
Lewis A. Holden, 11

On motion, Mr. Bartlett was declared elected.

FOR SECOND LIEUTENANT.

Lewis A. Holden, 22
Andrew Farran, 12

On motion, Mr. Holden was declared elected.

FOR FIRST SERGEANT.

Charles A. Perry, 20
Scattering, 4

On motion, Mr. Perry was declared elected.

FOR SECOND SERGEANT.

Andrew Farran, 22
Scattering, 8

On motion Mr. Farran was declared elected.

FOR THIRD SERGEANT.

James A. Templar, 31
On motion, Mr. Templar was declared elected.

FOR FOURTH SERGEANT.

Three ballots were necessary to choose this officer, which stood as follows:

First, Second, Third.
Solon D. Neely, 11, 12, 13
Andrew W. Mehan, 12, 11, 12
Henry Whiteley, 2, 0, 0

On motion, Mr. Neely was declared elected.

FOR FIFTH SERGEANT.

George Storey, 20
Scattering, 1

On motion, Mr. Storey was declared elected.

CORPORALS.

On motion the company proceeded to the election of the eight corporals of the company in three separate ballots; the three corporals in the first two ballots and the two in the last who should receive the highest number of votes, to be respectively declared elected. The result was as follows, which named the officers were so declared elected:

First Corporal—Theodore Stratton, Second—Andrew W. Mehan, Third—George DeFow, Fourth—Jacob P. Patur, Fifth—Frank Gardner, Sixth—William Shaw, Seventh—John E. Jones, Eighth—John E. Jones.

The President announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

WAYS AND MEANS—Comrades Turner, Squiers, and Cheney.

ACCOUNTS—Comrades Bush, Woodhouse, and Holden.

UNIFORMS—Comrades Woodhouse, Neely, and Perry.

EXERCISES AND DELIBERATIONS—Comrades Cheney, Bartlett, and Holden.

On motion of Mr. Turner, section 2, article 1 of the by-laws was amended, making the annual meeting for the election of officers on the third Saturday of May in each year.

Moved by Capt. Cheney that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the Governor on the matter of accepting and mustering the company into the State service. Which motion prevailed, and the chairman appointed Captain Cheney and President Sayers as such committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Common Council Proceedings.

Mason, May 22, 1876.

Council met in regular session, and was called to order by President Darrow.

Present a full board, except Alderman Beech.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved, as follows:

The petition presented last week as of D. W. Halstead should have read O. W. Halstead, and the resolution ordering side walk should have read as follows: Resolved, that a sidewalk be constructed on the south side of Mill street, from a street to B street, said walk to be constructed in twenty days from this date, May 15th, 1876.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Finance Committee reported on the following claims, recommending their allowance at footings: D. Welch \$18.00, E. A. Webster, \$12.00; E. Stanton, \$16.00; D. Wall, \$17.50; and Thos. Wilson, \$17.50. Which claims were on motion allowed as recommended, and the Clerk instructed to draw orders on the General Street Fund for the first four, and on the Cemetery Fund for that of T. Wilson.

Just Received:

Several cases of ladies garters. Price 90 cts. G. S. BROWN.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee on purchasing lumber reported as having made contract with E. Stanton for said lumber, at the rate of \$11.25 per thousand feet.

NEW BUSINESS.

The following claims were presented and referred to the Finance Committee, viz:

D. Wall, work on streets, \$11.50
D. Stanton, drawing gravel on streets, 8.00
Smith & Smith, work on streets, 8.00
D. Welch drawing gravel on streets, 8.00

On motion, council adjourned until next Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

N. R. VAN TASSEL, City Clerk.

From Danville.

May 23, 1876.

FRANK CORNELL.—The Campmeeting on the old grounds between here and Williamston will begin June 19th, lasting eight days. Ample provision will be made for the accommodation of man or beast, at reasonable rates in the eating tent and feed stable. A general invitation is extended to all who may desire to come and worship.

Perry Crippin started for Texas about a week ago. He said he did not know how long he should stay, but thinks of moving his family there at no distant day.

Mrs. R. H. Titus presented her husband with a fine girl on Saturday.

Quite a tornado swept through just south of the village, going in a north-easterly direction, on Saturday afternoon. It did considerable damage in uprooting trees and scattering rails in such a shape that it made it interesting for those who were hit to gather them up. However I have heard of no serious damage being done.

Mrs. Barnett Griggs has sold her house and lot to Joel Dennis.

The farmers are generally complaining that it is too wet to plow, especially those north of us, but those who live on the openings have planted their corn, and in many places it has come up.

Quite a frost last night. I heard one man say that there was ice a quarter of an inch thick in his watering trough. I did not see that it did any injury to beans or tomatoes. Planting will be generally finished by Saturday night if the weather proves favorable.

F. M. Conn.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the Real Estate transactions recorded in the books of the Register of Deeds of Ingham county, for one week ending Saturday, May 20, 1876, where the consideration is \$400 or over.

D. E. Miller to M. O. Palmer, block 23, Speckbridge, \$400.

C. C. Cook to C. C. Cook, south east corner of the quarter west quarter of Sec. 3, W. 1/2, lot 1, \$1,000.

L. L. Nichols to T. R. Nichols, lot 3, blk 4, Pratt's addition to Mason, \$400.

J. J. Bennett to Isabella Hall, lot 9, blk 10, Danville, \$500.

Samuel Carlington to L. J. Fry, 120 sq. rods on sec. 2, Leslie, \$250.

Martin Brown to Lydia Ransom, lot 4, blk 3, Onondaga, \$500.

Jas. M. Gould by adm'r to O. H. Pierce, 50 acres from east side of west half of north-west quarter sec. 16, Leslie, \$1,000.

I. P. Woodhouse to Briggs & Wilcox, north half north-west quarter sec. 16, Leslie, \$1,000.

Mary Gortner to L. B. Potter, 32 sq. rods adjoining north east corner of blk 4, Mason, \$1,200.

W. O. Spayth to John Spayth, lots 1 and 12, blk 14, Lansing, \$1,200.

H. Perry to Wm. Perry, 20 acres on west half of north-west quarter sec. 25, Bunker Hill, \$1,000.

Win. Perry to H. Perry, 40 acres on east half of north-west quarter sec. 25, Bunker Hill, \$1,000.

Win. Perry to Wm. Perry, 25 acres on south-west corner of west half of north-west quarter of sec. 25, Bunker Hill, \$500.

State of Michigan, said Court House being
the place of holding the Circuit Court with-
in said county.
Dated April 18th, 1870.
WATSON SNYDER, Mortgagee.
JOS. NINDE, Attorney. Ypsilanti. 1870

