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WHAT THEY SAY.

Buy the best Phoenix flour.
—South Lyon has an "old maid society."
—Do you take the MAIL? If not, why not?
Best buckwheat flour in town at Phoenix mills.
For best bran and lowest prices go to F. & P. M. elevator.
—W. B. VanVliet is at Dohmstreich Bros. again, for a short time at least.
—Have you noticed the broad smile that has hung over the countenance of Prof. Brower for the past two weeks? It's a girl.
We have not given up our merchant tailoring business. Oh, no! Our Mr. Robertson will fit you out at Dohmstreich Bros.
—Next Sabbath evening in the Pre-byterian church, there will be a temperance service. Subject for consideration, "The Cost of it All."
—A young man named Bradburn living south of Wayne and employed on the M. C. R. R., was killed last Friday while coupling cars. He had been married two weeks.
Wm. G. Weiss has severed his connection with Dohmstreich Bros., and is now employed at Louise Hillmet's merchant tailoring establishment, where he will be pleased to receive his friends.
—The masonic and odd fellows lodge has been undergoing extensive repairs during the past week or ten days. A new carpet for it has been ordered from Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant prince.
—John Smith, bartender for Andrew Witmore, having been sick for several days left for home Monday to recruit up. When he reached Ypsilanti he was considerably worse and had to be taken in a conveyance to the home of some friend.
—When the Silver Lake quartet was at Tecumseh, the Herald said: "Their songs were all new, and the rich, mellow male voices rendered them in a way that excited the greatest enthusiasm among the audience; and they were encored again and again."
—Eight of our citizens who went over to Northville, Tuesday evening, to attend a masonic meeting, found the train over two hours late, when they were ready to return home, and hiring a man to drive them over here, they made the time in twenty-five minutes, according to their figures.
Big cut—for the next thirty days we will laundry goods at the following prices: Shirts, ten cents; collars, two cents; cuffs, four cents; under clothing, six cents; socks, three cents; handkerchief, two cents; lace curtains, shams, skirts, etc., etc., one-fourth off. First-class work, without injury to goods, guaranteed. Leave your work at Orr Passage's barber shop before Tuesday night, of each week, and it will be returned on Friday. City laundry, Northville, F. D. Adams, proprietor.
—The editor of an exchange says: "We apologize for mistakes made in all former issues and say they were excusable, as all an editor has to do is to hunt news, and clean rollers, and set type and sweep the floors, and pen items, and fold papers, and write wrappers, and make paste, and mail the papers, talk to visitors, and distribute type, and carry water, and saw wood, and read proof, and correct the mistakes, and hunt the shears to write editorials, and dodge the bills, and dun delinquents, and take cuttings from the whole force, and tell subscribers we need money—we say we've no business to make mistakes while attending to these little matters, and getting our living on gopher-tail-soup flavored with imagination, and wearing old shoes, and no collar, and a patch on our pants, obliged to run a smiling country paper isn't worth \$1 anyhow and that he could make a better one with his eyes shut."

Cheapest place to buy bran is at the Phoenix mills.

Lowest prices on ground feed ever known at F. & P. M. elevator.

—If you have anything to sell, try our "Cheap Column," on fifth page.

—Miss Etta Freeman, of Detroit, was the guest of Miss Carrie Steers, Friday and Saturday.

For sale—a good second hand sewing machine very cheap. Inquire at Mrs. Hartough's, one mile south of this place.

If you are in want of a dress or a business suit call on Dohmstreich Bros. and Mr. Robertson will fit you out in fine shape.

—Geo. M. Burnett and wife went to Detroit this week to attend the wedding of a lady friend—Mrs. Stringer, formerly of Pike's Peak.

—Will Corlett and wife and Miss Anna Steppens, of Wayne, and Wm. Simpson, of Mandan, Dakota, attended the party here last Friday evening.

Joseph Robertson has charge of our merchant tailoring department, and we can assure you of satisfaction in this line, at Dohmstreich Bros., Plymouth.

—John D. Turk, jeweler, has secured a window in the MAIL office for his place of business and he doesn't care who knows it. He is chock full of work just now however.

Fred Shater is agent for the West Park steam laundry, Detroit. Those wishing fine work without injury to goods should leave their laundry with him at H. Dohmstreich & Co.'s, before Tuesday noon, each week.

—A barn, one and one-half miles south of Wayne, burned to the ground early Sunday morning, with all its contents. It belonged to A. V. Scott and three horses and all his hay, grain, etc. was burned. Supposed to be incendiary.

—William Slater, of Northville, and Miss Jessie Smith, of this place, were married at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. They left for Northville on the evening train where a house ready furnished was awaiting them.

—The party given in L. H. Bennett's new store house last Friday evening was a delightful affair and was largely attended by both old and young. We have no correct figures as to the number present, but would estimate it at considerably over one hundred couples. "The Detroit society orchestra" furnished the music and it was good. The ladies furnished supper, and everybody enjoyed themselves.

—The New York Witness says of the Silver Lake quartet, which is soon to appear here: "One of the most successful hits of the campaign was the securing of the Silver Lake quartet, under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Mead. To hear them sing is to feel that you are once more in the presence of the original Hutchinson family, that did so much to sing freedom into the hearts of the people years ago."

—H. J. Winchell has been appointed station agent at Ithaca on the St. L. & S. V. R. R. and has gone there. His family will move as soon as he can find a house. During the time Mr. Winchell has been in Howell, as operator for the D., L. & N. he has won a host of friends by his prompt, courteous ways and those who have business to transact in his line will regret his removal from this place.—Howell Herald. Mr. Winchell was formerly agent at Wayne Junction and was universally liked.

The cheapest place to buy cow feed is at Phoenix mills.

—The medal contest in the Methodist church, on Friday evening last, called out a fair, but not a full audience. This can be accounted for partly by another entertainment. All of the young people did themselves credit, but a failing some of them showed was in distinctness of utterance. Jennie Inglis was the successful one, and she gently caressed the medal as if it were a kitten. There were a half dozen pieces of music by the choir and local talent, which helped to make the contest a more pleasant and agreeable one.

Farmers! get your grinding done at the Phoenix mills.

—If there is any one thing our village needs more than another it is a safe and commodious hall, in which public meetings, entertainments, dances, etc. can be held. We would like to see the village erect a suitable one, one that could be used for such purposes, and for a village hall. If the village will not, there ought to be enterprise enough in our citizens to do so. Let's have a meeting called, talk the matter over, circulate a paper and see how much stock will be taken. It is something much needed and desired by our citizens.

TRY OUR NEW LINE



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Business Notices.
[All notices under this head five cents per line.]
—Sewing machines repaired and new parts furnished when required. Needles and oil for sale. J. H. Steers, Plymouth.
A new sewing machine at the MAIL office. Will be sold very cheap.

DEAD SHOT ON MOLES!
IF YOUR LAWN IS
Being Destroyed
—BY—
MOLES!
Send \$2.50 to
W. N. WHERRY,
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For one of the above traps. They are sure to catch them. J. C. Stellwagen, merchant at Wayne, Mich., caught twenty-nine in less than one yard space. We can name many others who have had equally good success.

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IN MICHIGAN,
As well as the Handsome can get a
FINE PORTRAIT!
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And you will be convinced that it is
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We Defy Competition.
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First-Class Workmen and the Best of Stock.
Please give us a call.
Plymouth, MICH. S. COLLINGE

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Churches.
PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. G. H. Wallace, Pastor. Services 10:45 a. m., 7:00 p. m. Sabbath School at close of morning service.
METHODIST.—Rev. J. M. Shank, Pastor. Services 10:30 a. m., 7:00 p. m. Sabbath School afternoon service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.
BAPTIST.—Rev. P. G. Robertson, Pastor. Services 10:30 a. m., 7:00 p. m. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Prayer meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All are invited.

Societies.
THE W. O. T. U.—Meets every Thursday at their hall over First National Bank, at three p. m. Mrs. J. Woodhead, President.
PLYMOUTH BOOK LODGE No. 47, F. & A. M.—Friday evening at or before the full moon. P. C. Walbeck, W. M., J. O. Eddy, Secretary.
GRAND, No. 330.—Meets every second Thursday afternoon and evening, alternately, at their hall, in the Hedden block, O. R. Pattengell, Master.
E. OF L. LAFRAM ASSEMBLY, No. 5905.—Meets every other Friday evening, from April 1 to Oct. 1, at 7:30; from Oct. 1 to April 1 at 7:00, at K. of L. hall, C. H. Curtis, Jr., R. S.**TRINIDAD LODGE I. O. O. F., No. 32.**—Meets every Monday evening, at their hall at 7:30 o'clock p. m. O. R. Pattengell, N. G.; C. G. Curtis, Jr., Hoc. Sec.

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WHAT THEY SAY.
ADVERTISERS! Until further notice we will run papers in these columns at one cent for each word. If you have anything to sell please pay you to try it while this price lasts.
—Entertainment next Friday and Saturday evenings.
Don't forget that Dohmstreich Bros. are still to the front in the merchant tailoring line and guarantee satisfaction.
—The Rev. W. W. Wetmore, formerly of this place, has resigned his pastorate at Jonesville to take effect July first.
Come and get your spring overcoat and suits, as we are in fine shape to do good work for small profits at Dohmstreich Bros., the general merchants, Plymouth.
—State Bank Commissioner Sherwood authorized the organization of "The Iron, Port Commercial and Saving bank, of Escanaba," on Wednesday last. This makes the third new State bank organized during the month of January.
—"Plymouth's lively colored boys" will give a couple of their popular entertainments next Friday and Saturday evenings, at Amity hall. They are the very essence of fun and if you wish to spend an evening or two of laughter, just girth yourself well and go and see them.
—An editor was asked if he ever saw a bald-headed woman. His reply was: No, we never did. Why should we? Nor did we ever see a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves, with a cigar between her teeth, stepping into every saloon she saw. We never saw a woman go fishing anywhere with a bottle in her pocket, sit on the damp ground all day and get home drunk at night. Neither have we seen a woman yank off her coat, spit on her hands and say she could whip any man in town. No, God bless her, she isn't built that way.
Our new and experienced tailor from the east arrived the first of the week and all in need of new clothes we will please by giving us a call. Dohmstreich Bros., the general merchants, Plymouth.
—One of the most delightful of Susan Coolidge's stories, "Who ate the Queen's Luncheon?" opens the February Wide Awake, with a beautiful frontispiece by Garrett. Another short story as singularly humorous, a valentine story, is entitled "The Apple of Discord," and will entertain all the grammar school boys and girls; it is by Georgiana Washington. "Princess Mayblossom" by Annette Lyster, with its eight pictures, is a dainty fairy story. "Children in Italian Sculpture," by Mabel E. Robinson, is a model art-paper for young people, with interesting pictures. The serial stories by J. T. Trowbridge and Margaret Sidney are very popular for family reading—a genial happy home element pervades both. Phronsis's "dragons" are irresistible. "The Tupper Children" is a short story of the old war-days by Miss A. G. Plympton, full of dash and fun. "Forty-eight Hours a Day" will interest all astronomically-minded young folk and their elders as well. "Nonsense Animals" is very amusing and affords a hint for home fun on an evening. "An Old Fashioned Boat" is an interesting chapter in the progress of invention, by Ernest Ingersol. Mrs. Sallie Joy White in her chapter on "The Use of the Oven" tells how potatoes are baked in Boston public schools. Mrs. Goddard Orpen gives the history of the famous Spanish crown pearl, the Pelegria. Prof. Starr, in his geological series, describes some of the gnawings of "The Tooth of Time." In the new department, "Men and Things," are all sorts of good original anecdotes and breezy "short talk." The poems of the number are many and good, the Ramona, Postoffice, Puzzle and C. Y. F. R. U. sections very full and entertaining. Only \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

Mr. Starkweather's Second Letter.
MR. EDITOR—

My former letter correcting the report, that Mr. Sherwood organized the First National Bank of this place, which was permitted to stand without correction, and gain credence, appears to have forced Mr. Sherwood to admit, that he did not organize the bank, yet, his admission is so enveloped in perversions, nonsequiturs, and innuendoes, as to be quite oblivious to the common reader, and I beg space in your paper, to make answer to "Sherwood's Reply," or rather, so much of it, as remains, after eliminating the "eggs." He calls my letter a pen picture of him. I am pleased to know that he is growing wise enough to begin to see himself, as others see him, and to recognize his own features reflected by the letter. This was not its purpose, however; I have drawn too many pen pictures of him; not to be familiar with the style of painting he likes, and I know Mr. Sherwood will not say that I was ever backward in the picture business, or stingy, in the use of those highly colored paints, he so much admires, in such pictures, and as they did no particular damage to any one, it was rather a pleasure to draw them, and note with what supreme satisfaction he viewed them, and how wonderfully they "tickled" him. He says I went out of my way to punish him, and that too, under cover of defending the dead. Now if a fair, truthful, unbiased, statement of the facts be a punishment to him I know of no way of escape for him, and Mr. Sherwood must not expect that I will without protest, permit him, or any one to approach the tomb of those with whom I have been associated in life, and wrest from the dead, the honor and fame in which they are enshrouded, for the purpose of weaving them into, and making yet more dazzling, the already over-brilliant crown of glory, which he imagines he wears. He next says he bought all the blank books. Wonderful! Was it not? How few people comprehend the mighty, the measureless influence, for weal or woe, that the peculiar manner of purchasing a blotter or blotting pad, by a business house, has upon its prosperity and success.

Reading on a little we find the e words of Sherwood's: "Let us see how well the bank succeeded under my administration." "My administration." Oh! Egotism. Where are thy remotest bounds? Why, the bank was never under his administration for one hour even. The affairs of the bank were always administered by a board of directors, which up to the time referred to by Sherwood at least, had been made up of men of sterling worth, keen thought and skilled as financiers, to whom, Mr. Sherwood, as clerk and cashier, was always subordinate and they, not he, managed, and gave direction, to the business of the bank; and being men of unquestioned financial soundness, and impeccable truth and honesty, they inspired the public, with a confidence that brought the business men and farmers of the surrounding country, unhesitatingly and generously, to the support of the bank, and to them, and not to Mr. Sherwood, is due the great success for which he would claim sole credit.

Mr. Sherwood then gives some large figures, in a way that might be deceptive to the ordinary reader, as I cannot help to think they were intended to be, and after arranging them so as to show grand results, says "I would not have you infer that this grand success was achieved by my individual efforts. I was nobly assisted by E. J. Penniman, C. H. Bennett, L. B. Shearer, A. B. Coleman, C. B. Root, James Burns and Samuel Lyndon." What, these men reduced by you Mr. Sherwood to the position of mere assistants, subordinate to you; to take orders from you; to do your bidding; you the boss; they the helpers! Now, Sherwood, have you not inadvertently reversed position with these men? If not, then is arrogance without limit.

He says, the bank paid a dividend of fifteen per cent., the last year he was with it. If he would have the reader infer, that the bank earned enough; net, that year, to pay such a dividend, he would have them infer what is not true.
He says, referring to the payment of interest on deposit by the old bank, that the directors "would not pass a resolution, allowing him to do so," leaving it to be inferred that he wished to pay interest, but was stopped. Now, Sherwood, you know, the truth of the matter, and any of the old directors would smile a very broad smile, to have you name the time and place when and where, you ever suggested the payment of interest on deposit, while with the old bank.

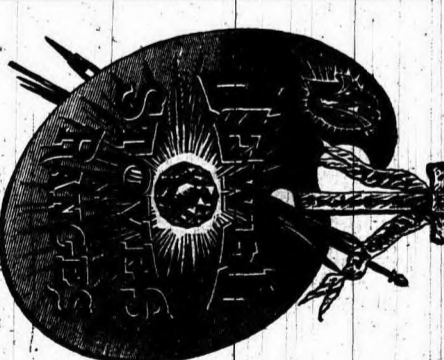
Mr. Sherwood then quotes a mere fragment of my statement, touching payment of interest on deposits by the old bank. Well knowing, that had he quoted it entire, he could not have utterly perverted its purpose and meaning, as he has so cunningly done with the fragment quoted by him. I did not refer to it in a boastful manner, but for a purpose which Mr. Sherwood must have well known and which he has undertaken to keep out of sight, by perversion as I believe, I will endeavor to make it plain to him. In so far

as activity in the business world and other outside matters have affected the banking business, most assuredly the years that Sherwood was with the old bank, were the most favorable of all the years of its history, besides it paid no interest on deposits during those years, received as high as ten and not less than seven per cent. on loans; received, also, the greater part of the time, six per cent. interest, on the \$50,000 U. S. bonds, held as the basis of its circulating notes, and had no local competition. Yet under all these favorable circumstances the net average annual earnings of the bank scarcely excelled, if indeed they equaled, its average yearly earnings since Mr. Fraser has held the position of cashier. Notwithstanding the facts that, after Sherwood left, interest was paid on deposit, the rate charged on loans greatly reduced, four per cent. instead of six received on the \$50,000 bonds, (making a shrinkage in this one item of \$1,000 per year) and the bank had also met with local competition. Can Mr. Sherwood now understand for what purpose I refer to payment of interest on deposits? And does any one wonder that surprise is expressed in view of these facts?

Then again Mr. Sherwood says: "Nine years ago I left the First National bank, its surplus account was then \$14,000. The last published statement of the bank shows its surplus still the same, viz: \$14,000." This too is but a fragment of the statement from which he quotes, and is evidently to lead the reader to believe that the bank stands just as he left it; no gains, no advances. Now, Mr. Sherwood knows that a good lump of that \$14,000 was the result of a transaction outside of the ordinary business of the bank, an extraordinary occurrence, viz: The sale of the \$30,000 U. S. sixes and purchase of four per cent. bonds in their stead, and if the gains resulting from this transaction were taken out of the \$14,000 it would make it look quite sick. Now this large gain outside of the regular business of the bank was effected by the keen foresight of such men as Penniman, Bennett, Burns and Coleman, and Mr. Sherwood cannot extract from it, any credit or honor, except for carrying out the details of the business as directed.
Then too Mr. Sherwood cunningly shuts his eyes to the \$9,276.31 undivided profits shown by the same report from which he quotes, for the evident reason that when he left the bank there was but the insignificant sum of \$172.12 in the fund, the difference between these sums having been earned since he left, as well as \$42,500 paid in semi-annual dividends. Now if Mr. Sherwood can discover in the facts as above stated any gorgeous feather with which to adorn his much befattered cap, he is cordially invited to come and pluck it out.
The old bank is not ashamed of its showing, considering the fact, that it has been bereft of the counsel, and direction of the great marvel in finance.
Mr. Editor, this writing is already too lengthy, but I cannot close without saying that there is not, that I am aware of, any unpleasant rivalry or antagonism between the old and new banks. Among those interested in the new bank I count many warm friends. They will permit me to predict that if they being, as I know they are, good financiers and capable men, will give the affairs of the bank their direct supervision and make its business accord with their good judgment it will be even more successful than in the past.
GEO. A. STARKWEATHER.
January 24, 1889.

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And the Dollars will save themselves. — The best way to follow the excellent advice is to commence Trading with
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Best value in Teas and Coffee.
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THE SOUTH IN THE SADDLE.

Capital Coming In to Make This Sunny Land Blossom as the Rose.

Special reports to the Manufacturers' Record from all parts of the south show that since the excitement attending the political contest ended, there is a very general disposition to give renewed attention to industrial matters...

TRAPPING FOR SKUNKS.

Various Ways of Catching the Little Nocturnal Prowlers.

The price of a skunk skin is regulated by the quantity of black fur on it, writes a Scranton (Pa.) correspondent of the New York Sun.

Various ways of trapping the little nocturnal prowlers with a humped back, peaked nose and bushy tail are adopted by the rustic urchins up there.

Some of the traps set as many as fifteen traps at night. Of course, each trap doesn't catch a skunk, but many of the lads gather in half a dozen or so apiece each morning when the weather is favorable.

King Oscar's Adventure.

The King of Sweden is relating with much relish an amusing adventure which befell him recently in Spain. It appears that while his majesty was traveling between Cordova and Madrid in the dead of night, occupying a sleeping car in the express train, a man—a most respectable tradesman of the former place—wakening from his slumbers by the train stopping at a station, alighted in the belief that he had reached his destination.

The unhappy man, seeing the glittering uniforms hanging about the dimly lighted car, guessed at once where he was and was on the point of making a retreat in sheer despair when suddenly his majesty awoke, and seeing a stranger in the car, shouted lustily to his companions, "Brigands!"

Decay of Malmaison.

Malmaison, the famous chateau of the ill-fated Josephine de Beauharnais, is simply going by piece-meal to the rats, and it has been suggested that the place should be converted into a museum containing historical relics of the first Empire.

She Took Precautions.

"O, mamma," said the happy girl, pale and trembling, and holding a letter in her hand, "Harold has proposed at last."

"Let me see," said mamma. "Yes, it is a genuine proposal. Put on your clothes, love. We'll go down to the lawyer's office and have a copy made, and Harold's signature certified by two or three witnesses."

"Why mamma," exclaimed the fair young maiden, "why must we do that?" "It is simply a proper precaution, daughter. This letter may, for all we know, be written in that new lover's ink, which is warranted to fade in twenty-four hours after using."—The Idea.

A Nest in a Pocket.

A little bird went to and fro, Once in the nesting season, And sought for shelter high and low, Until for some queer reason, She flew into a granary.

Where, on a nail suspended, The farmer's coat she chanced to see, And there her search was ended.

The granary was in a loft, Where not a creature met her; The coat had hollows deep and soft— Could anything be better! And where it hung, how safe it was.

Without a breeze to break it! Come, little busy bird, and claws, Build quick inside the pocket!

Three speckled eggs soon warmly lay Beneath the happy sifter; Three little birds—oh, joy!—one day Began to chirp and twitter.

Until—ah, can you guess the tale!— The farmer came one morning, And took his coat down from the nail Without a word of warning!

Poor little frightened motherling! Up from the nest she fluttered, And straightway every gaping thing Its wild-mouthed terror uttered.

The good man started back aghast; But merry was his wonder, When in the pocket he at last Found such unlooked-for plunder.

He put the coat back carefully; "I guess I have another; So don't you be afraid of me, You bright-eyed little mother. I know just how you feel, poor thing, For I have youngsters, bless you! There—stop your foolish fluttering— Nobody shall distress you."

The Eyebrows Tell the Tale.

An old observer tells that one's eyebrows are an infallible guide to his age. No matter how young looking the person may be, if his eyebrows lack gloss and do not lie flat and smooth he is no longer a young man.

An Unromantic Wretch.

In a suit for divorce in St. Louis the plaintiff, Mrs. Annie Wiert, testified that her husband once pawned her wedding dress for a drink of liquor.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Good Example.

Her "dear, the (hie) moon's tub 'n' night." She: "The moon has sense enough to stay outdoors, anyhow."—Philadelphia Record.

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