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## A NEW BRICK BLOCK.

Will Be Erected By The Heating Firm of Bigelow & Son, Hardware Merchants.

One of the most successful business firms in town is that of Bigelow & Son. Ever since Nolton Bigelow bought out Weydemeyer & Kane in 1888, and formed a partnership with J. B. Howe, he has been forging ahead. Seven years later in the year 1895, he acquired the entire control of the business. He at once took his oldest son, Samuel, into partnership and since that time the firm has been known as Bigelow & Son. The firm has been a winner from the start. Hard work, square dealing and painstaking effort has characterized their business career, and today they are reaping the merited reward.

Their present business place has become so small and by next spring they will erect a modern brick building, which will be a credit to themselves and an honor to the village. The building will be 30x85 in size with all up-to-date improvements. The two sheds which are now located on the west of the store will be removed back and the main building will then be taken to the west in order to make room for the new store. The work on the new building will be commenced in early spring, and when completed will be one of the best appointed stores in the village.

## TO ORGANIZE THE LYCEUM.

Those interested will meet at the high school rooms Friday evening, Jan. 11. The school took a vote Monday and it was unanimously decided to hold the meetings of that body on Friday evenings, and on this evening (Jan. 11) they will meet for the purpose of organization. All those interested and who are willing to assist the project are invited to attend.

The object of the lyceum must not be understood to be a laughing place for those who make a practice of disturbing any meeting they come in contact with, but it is a place of instruction, an addition to the regular school work and its membership embraces all who wish to join. Parents who have sons and daughters, young men and young women should not remain indifferent but should go hand in hand with the young to make the lyceum a delight. The most commendable thing in a young person's makeup is the exhibition of genuine grit and determination followed closely by an enthusiastic interest in all things pertaining to intellectual elevation. Profligate parties do very well to retrieve one from a morose, sluggish condition, but would prove an unstable foundation upon which to shift the burden of life's responsibilities. Hence the young men of the village and surrounding country are urged to gather with the students of the school and assist in perfecting the lyceum.

## A VISIT WITH THE SICK.

An editor's life and work is of a many-sided makeup. Not only is he expected to come in touch with the rugged farmer, hustling merchant, wily politician, festive circles and church environments, but with the unfortunate, sick and down-trodden humanity. Having this in view, the CHRONICLE scribe took a half day off, and accompanied one of the city physicians on a Samaritan trip. Aside from the suffering which came to our notice, it was a most enjoyable trip. Doctors are hale and hearty fellows and have the faculty of making it pleasant for suffering humanity, even for a country editor.

Our way led to Robert Agar's, who lives near the erstwhile Pingree post-office. The CHRONICLE made mention of Mr. Agar's accident and suffering in several previous issues, therefore it may suffice when we state that his case is not hopeless. His rugged nature stands him well, and in spite of the fearful torture through which he has passed during the last two weeks, his chances of recovery are good. He is gaining strength, is blessed with a hopeful disposition, and we have reason to believe that he will pull through in spite of time—and the other fellows. It is thought that by Friday he will be able to be taken to Detroit where another operation will be performed on his amputated limb. His suffering the past few weeks is beyond description. The entire community like one man have rallied around him and his family, who have been nearly crushed by the calamity. However dark the cloud, there is always a silver lining. The silvery rays in the deeply stricken Agar home are produced by the presence of a sweet, playful babe, which came to the home about six months ago. With a pathetic wail there

to the right in a little room lies the father, a patient sufferer, who will be a cripple all his life. Going to and fro from the bedside to the kitchen, with deep anguish written on her face goes she, who holds closer relations to the sufferer than any other mortal, and as she passes her motherly eyes glance over to the bed where her first-born babe is laughing and cooling unconscious of the scene of suffering in the nearby room.

Just across the field in the old homestead an aged mother is weeping and moaning because one of her boys is stricken low with a terrible wound. Indeed, life is real when accident, sickness and death comes within the sacred precincts of our homes.

From the Agar home we speedily wended our way across the country to call on an elderly lady, who enjoys the honor of being an old pioneer of Austin township. We refer to Mrs. Joseph Brown. For several weeks she has been stricken low with fever. The doctor is hopeful and all her children and friends join in prayer for a speedy recovery. The Brown family is well and favorably known throughout the entire thumb. Jos. Brown, the husband and father, who passed away a few years ago, was a respected citizen of Cumber. He brought his youthful companion, who is now old in years and feeble in health, into the wilds of Sanilac county forty-two years ago. Mr. Brown was a genius, everything took on form in his hands. In the early days he was farmer, carpenter, shoemaker, blacksmith and undertaker for the entire community. He was a workman that need not be ashamed. Today there still stands the "old house" on the farm, which by the way was the first frame dwelling built in those parts about thirty-seven years ago. There was no saw mill, and so Mr. Brown manufactured his own lumber with the cross cut saw. It was slow work, but like in everything else, he succeeded and had the honor of living in the first frame house built in Austin township. Much more is crowding itself into our pencil but we must stop. Suffice it to say, that the visits made to the sick, and our professional brother's kindness will ever be remembered by your scribe as a time of pleasant companionship and earnest thought.

## TUSCOLA COUNTY HONORED.

Senator Atwood, Representative McKay and Kirk have been favorably recognized in committee appointment this year. Tuscola's chairmanships are as follows: Senator Atwood, Insurance and also Executive business; Representative McKay, Insurance. He is also on committee of railroads. Representative Kirk is on the committee of Geological Survey, Industrial School, for Boys, and Roads and Bridges.

Senator Atwood, beside his chairmanship is placed on the important committee of Judiciary and Public Health. Atwood is one of the brightest men in the Senate and will play an important part in legislating. He expects to introduce a bill today providing for the taxation of railroads on an ad valorem basis.

## CASS CITY WINS OUT.

Messrs. Pinney & Matzen, known as the Michigan Belgian Hare Co., who recently carried off eight prizes at the Toledo show, have again scored several points at the Detroit show the past week. The Detroit Journal speaks of their exhibit as follows: "They have three very valuable imported animals on exhibition for which they have refused \$500. The buck of the trio is dubbed Lord Bobs, and the pretty does are named Queen Bess and Queen Vic. The last named has scored 95½ points, almost the highest score ever attained, only one or two animals reaching 96. Queen Vic is valued at \$200."

## PROGRAM.

The first semi-monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Margaret Campbell. Following is the program to be given: Quartette.....Jas. Dunham, Roy Hill, Lucy Fritz and Nina Karr. Three minute speech.....John Hill. Three minute speech.....Mary Fisher. "The Situation in China".....Prof. Weaver. Vocal Solo.....Margaret Hutton. Newspaper "The Epworth Snaps-Shot".....Loretta Campbell, Blanche Hansler. Debate: Resolved, that inventors have done more than writers for the good of mankind. Affirmative, Fred Bigelow, Walter Schell. Negative, Stanley Scheneck, Herbert Karr. Vocal Solo.....May Landon. Social Session.

## FOR RENT

A house on the corner of Ale and Third streets. Enquire of T. H. Hume.

## BRINGING MANUFACTORIES.

Under the above caption in last Saturday's paper, the Detroit Journal gives some excellent advice to the people of Detroit, which we think should be heeded by our citizens. Here is what the editor says:

"Mayor Maybury's determination to boom the town to attract manufacturers is laudable. Simply because past efforts have not resulted encouragingly ought rather to stimulate further effort than to discourage it. Perhaps the right method has not been tried; perhaps the plans have miscarried and perhaps there has been a lack of enthusiasm. Maybe there have not been the required community of interest and unity of action to produce successful issue. That there is something wanting is not to be doubted. To find it and make use of it is the natural and necessary policy to pursue."

It is with a municipality as it is with a private business. Obstacles present themselves constantly in one case as in another. If a business man or a farmer would cease their efforts simply because their plans miscarried in some undertaking they would never succeed in anything. It is so with a village or city. Cass City has made some effort to impress the advantages of this community upon individuals and the public in general, and the work done has produced practical results. It is true not every effort put forth has been successful, but that is no reason why we should feel discouraged. Rather every failure should be the means of stimulating us to greater exertion until the object for which we are striving is obtained.

The work of advertising Cass City to the world should be continued on a still larger scale. It would be a paying investment to get out a handsomely illustrated pamphlet, setting forth the many advantages of this locality, and possibly some practical method might be found to impress the visitors at the coming Pan-American Exposition that there is such a place as Cass City. The only way to succeed is to keep at it continually and perseveringly. Be it also remembered that our first effort should be made to secure more and better railroad facilities. Be it far from us to speak one disparaging word of the road we now have. It has been a blessing to this community, and even though it is not as up-to-date as we should like to have it, yet we appreciate what it has done for us. But the future development of Cass City demands still better railroad accommodations. We base our statement upon facts, and facts are stubborn things. The CHRONICLE has been in correspondence with promoters and men of capital, and in every instance the demand for better shipping facilities are made. In fact, the first question has been, what can you offer as to shipping accommodations. Men with capital will not invest one cent until they are satisfied on this point. In brief using the phraseology of the editor of the Detroit Journal:

In this connection it must always be borne in mind that Cass City is not the only city on a river, not the only town on a railway line. There are others. Their name is legion. And every last one of them is doing its level best to get manufacturing concerns to locate "in its midst" or in its environs. The most public spirited cities offer substantial inducements. They vote to pay bonuses, to donate acres for sites, to exempt from taxation, to furnish free water and to do many other things. If Cass City expects to be in the hunt with rival cities, Cass City must compete on equal terms. Pretty phrases and nice conversation won't win a wheel or beckon a brick to the City of the Thumb.

## COUNCIL DOINGS.

In the absence of Clerk Hebblewhite, Trustee Perkins acted as scribe. Mr. Hebblewhite's continued illness has made it necessary for him to resign his position. His resignation caused genuine sorrow among the city fathers, as it does among our citizens in general. The CHRONICLE voices the general sentiment of our citizens in hoping and praying that our genial and influential neighbor may speedily recover from his malady. Mr. Hebblewhite expects to leave for a few months' rest in a more congenial climate, and there is no doubt but what he will receive much benefit from the change. Geo. Perkins has been appointed clerk and Wm. Straube Commissioner of Public Works to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Hebblewhite's resignation.

A communication from the State Board of Health relative to smallpox was laid before the board by Health Officer Deming, and it was the unanimous opinion that the same should be printed in local newspapers as follows:

"Smallpox has been increasing until it is now reported in nearly fifty places in Michigan. It usually tends to decline during the warm summer months, and then, as cold weather comes on, to increase in prevalence until April or May, so that, considering the unusual difficulty in restricting the disease under the present condition of mildness, there is good reason to believe that the smallpox will continue to increase until it is widespread throughout the state. Your local board of health should publicly commend (not order) general vaccination of every person who has not had smallpox within a few years, or who has not been successfully vaccinated within the past five years; and should (in accordance with Section 4165 of the compiled laws of 1897) offer free vaccination to those who are unable to pay. Vaccination is a reliable preventive of smallpox, and if every person in your jurisdiction is vaccinated there need be no fear of the disease spreading in your jurisdiction."

## J. R. CLARKE'S LECTURE.

The majority of people seem to have enjoyed Mr. Clarke's effort at the opera house Saturday evening and at the M. E. church Sunday evening. Thus far there has certainly been no lack of variety in the present lecture course, and those who have attended have received more than their money's worth.

John Clark is a remarkable man in many ways. He is a whirlwind of sarcasm, humor, pathos, and theatrical oratory. While his efforts lack unity, logical connection and refined taste, yet there is something about the man that is fascinating to the average hearer. He is a man of the people and he will always command an audience in spite of his acquired failings.

For lack of space we are unable to produce in this issue both his lecture and Sunday evening address. As we were requested to print them, we shall do so in next week's paper.

## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Tuscola County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., had their annual meeting at Caro on Wednesday. The following is a statement of the affairs of the company as furnished us by President Campbell:

Total membership, Dec. 31, 1900,	2,752.
There was no assessment made during the past year. The total receipts for 1900 amounts to	\$8,250.24
Vouchers paid	7,991.90
Balance on hand	\$ 258.34
Notes on hand	334.95
Total balance	\$ 602.29

W. J. Campbell, our honored townsman was re-elected as President by acclamation. The secretaryship caused a spirited contest. The first ballot resulted as follows: H. S. Meyers, 27; Robt. Reavey, 119; Ira Reid, 86.

Mr. Meyers receiving the majority of votes was declared elected. J. M. Ealy for treasurer, J. E. Cragg and J. J. England for directors, were all re-elected by acclamation.

## COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

Among the candidates for the office of County School Commissioner of Tuscola County the following gentlemen are mentioned: Prof. Forbes of Watrousville, Mr. Diamond, a jeweler by trade, of Millington, Prof. Schram of Unionville, and H. Bush also of Unionville. Mr. Bush has taught the Unionville school, was also formerly a member of the Board of Examiners. He recently graduated from Alma College and is highly spoken of.

P. G. Davis, whose term of office expires this spring, has been an efficient commissioner for a number of terms, and for all we know would be willing to be burdened with the office for another term. However, there seems to be a strong undercurrent of opinion among the teachers of the county that Prof. Bush of Unionville will be the winner at the coming convention.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued in Sanilac county

Joseph H. Day, Sanilac.....	24
Blanche Kidd, Deckerville.....	18
D. A. Robinson, Delaware.....	23
Jessie Davidson, Downingtown.....	25
Albert Sitter, Maple Valley.....	21
Sarah McPhee, Speaker.....	19
Wm. Mehlberg, Elmer.....	25
Louise Ford, Elmer.....	18
Chas. Hinkley, Argyle.....	28
Mary Switzer, Flynn.....	18

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Saws, Braces, Bits,  
Brushes, Curry Combs. And the women we have Wash Boilers, Tea Kettles, Stew Pans, Pie Pans, Tea Pots, Milk Pans, and a great many other articles too numerous to mention which will be sold at a very small figure. We keep a good line of Stationery; also a complete line of Confection-Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Tobacco and Cigars. We invite you to call see our goods and learn our prices. door east of Tennant's Grocery.

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