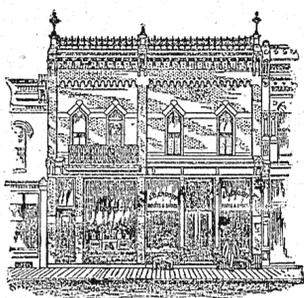


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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At The County Seat Was a Harmonious Gathering.

Henry Bush of Unionville Was Nominated County School Commissioner.

The Republican convention held at Caro last Tuesday was a record breaker in the matter of business fact and harmony. The afternoon session only lasted about thirty minutes. Before the delegates were aware of it the regular business had been transacted and a motion made to adjourn. In view of the vigorous canvass which had been made by the various candidates for the commissionership it was expected that a lively contest would ensue during the convention but to the surprise of many it was a rather one-sided affair, Mr. Bush being elected on the first ballot.

The convention was called to order by W. J. Ingersoll member of the county committee who announced that Fred Slocum was selected as temporary chairman. Mr. Slocum introduced himself with a few practical remarks and without losing a moment's time had the convention at work. Editor Trotter of Vassar was appointed secretary. After the usual committees had been appointed a recess was taken until 1 o'clock p. m. Upon the reassembling of the convention the temporary officers were made permanent. The committee on credentials reported 154 delegates as duly elected who were entitled to seats in the convention.

Without the usual nomination speeches the convention took a ballot for the office of commissioner which resulted as follows: I. L. Forbes 13; E. D. Diamond 21; C. L. Schram 32 and Henry Bush 78. Mr. Bush was declared as duly elected. He was called on to make a speech which he did in a graceful manner. There isn't any doubt but what Mr. Bush will make a faithful and competent officer.

The following persons were elected delegates to the state convention which convenes at Grand Rapids Feb. 28th: T. W. Atwood, Wm. McKay, Wm. Kirk, F. Klump, Fred Wirth, D. P. Deming, H. H. Gilbert, M. G. Wixson, Fred Slocum, J. L. Sutton, Norman Gray, Philip Eckfeld, G. H. Camp, Frank Harris and Grant Ross.

PROHIBITION OR LICENSE?

By request from patriotic people, I take the liberty of using space in the CHRONICLE for a few words upon this question which can never be settled till it is settled right.

I am fully persuaded from early teaching, from a study of scientific writers on the subject, from personal observation of its manifold evil effects upon individuals, families, communities and nations, that it is a christian duty to wholly abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage. And since the saloon as established in America, debases public morals and corrupts politics, it would seem clear that every follower of Him who came to seek and to save the lost, should use all proper influence to induce others to follow in the path of wisdom.

The sea has drowned its hundreds, but the intoxicating cup has drowned its hundreds of thousands. War, famine and pestilence have all down the ages scourged the nations with a merciless rod of iron; but this life, happiness and hope destroyer has scourged us with scorpions. This pitiless Moloch is antagonized by pure womanhood, noble manhood, the church of God, most labor organizations, and by practically all secret orders. It crushes like a python, it bites like a serpent, and it stings like an adder; and it alarms the callow youth who thinks to drink moderately, with no kindly rattle, and it lurks amid the flowers of good fellowship and society.

The kind God speaks from heaven to warn us against even looking upon the cup, and the best writers in all languages tell us of tears and death in its wake. Shakespeare in Othello puts into the mouth of Cassio these classic words:

"O thou invisible Spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, Let us call thee—devil!"

O, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains! that we should, with joy, Pleasure, and applause, transform ourselves into beasts!

He shall not have a mouth as Hydra, such an answer would stop them all. Now a sensible man, by and by a fool, and presently a beast. O strange!—Every inordinate cup is Unblessed, and the ingredient is a devil!"

This myriad-minded man knew all the unutterable woe caused by intoxicants. The grog-shop has been called

"the horrible lighthouse of hell." Robert Hall calls intoxicants: "liquid fire and distilled damnation." The poor Indian called it "fire wa ter" and the Russian calls it "insanity drops." The enlightened child of God and nature says,

"Not the hot kiss of wine, Is half so drying, inspiring cold water!"

2. The best way to put an end to this world-troubling business is to teach people in the home, in the schools, in the church and in the social circle not to drink it. Edison says the reason he does not drink intoxicants is because he has better use for his brains. What if Burns, and Byron, and Webster and other men whose brilliant brains were burned up by drink had only been like Edison. When the gospel and science have flooded the public mind with the truths of man's high nobility as the son of God, and the hideous ruin wrought by intoxicants, the sale of this soil-destroyer will not need to be regulated nor prohibited.

"There is a publichouse which all will then close. And that is the public house just under the nose."

Of course everybody knows that the only real and permanent remedy for this sin or any other sin, is to christianize and educate the people. 3. But it is not easy to rightly educate and christianize the people who frequent these schools of wrong ideas and practices. Out from these nests go the hornets of anarchy, vice, unbelief, crime, pauperism, political corruption and class hatred; and they threaten to sting Uncle Sam out of the country. Therefore many will say that it is our duty at the polls next spring to tear down this school of evil and synagogue of Satan, and by means of county prohibition to secure a sober, intelligent and prosperous people.

If it could be done by a majority vote, all who love their fellow men and all who seek the best material prosperity would swell that majority to almost a unanimous vote. Clearly we need to be enlightened as to the facts of what the results have been in other counties which have voted prohibition.

When we have "counted the cost" of clearing this disease-breeding marsh, are we as a county ready to say, we will in the name of God and for the good of his people be done with the saloon and all illicit sale of intoxicants? We are certainly well able to go up and possess this goodly canaan of temperance, but when we see the giants and the walled cities they occupy, maybe we would rather be slaves in Egypt or wanderers in the desert till a better and wiser generation be born.

REV. ALBERT TORBET.
Another article to follow.

WANT TO SECURE A FRANCHISE.

At the council rooms Monday evening, all the members of the council were present with the exception of Trustee Frutchey.

The council decided to put a meter in the store of Wm. Fairweather on March 1, on condition that he use none but 16 c. p. lights until Sept. 1st. N. M. Richardson of Caro and John McNair of Sheffield, Pa., submitted a petition in behalf of the Caro & Northern R. R. Co., for the purpose of securing a hearing of the council in view of granting the company a franchise giving them the right to construct, maintain and operate an electric railroad on Main and Seegar streets. The petition was tabled and the clerk instructed to inform Mr. Richardson that he would be notified in the near future when the council would listen to their proposition.

The Commissioner reported the following collections: For light, \$275.21; for supplies, \$126.76; for water, \$1.00; for coal, \$5.80; for running overtime, \$1.50; making a total of \$410.27.

The Finance Committee reported that they were able to secure the loan of \$500 for six months at an interest of seven per cent. The clerk and president were authorized to make the loan.

Trustees Crosby, Brotherton and Frutchey were appointed as a Board of Election Commissioner and Trustees Stevenson and Keating were appointed a committee to settle with the treasurer.

A village caucus is called for March 1 at 7:00 p. m.

Electrician Straube was granted a leave of ten days on condition that he be responsible for any accidents that might happen during his absence.

LOST.

A parcel lost Saturday between Novesta Corners and Cass City. The parcel was directed, Ethel Colwell Rice's store. The finder will have the kindness to leave the same at this office.

AN ELOQUENT SERMON

Preached by the Rev. Dr. Kirm at the Evangelical Church.

He Presented the Apostle Paul as a Mighty Preacher and Writer, Whose Life Shines Forth a Beautiful Character.

Last Sunday services at the Evangelical church were of an unusual inspiring nature. The services were conducted by Dr. Kirm, presiding elder of Flint District. In the morning the church was filled with attentive listeners, and the sermon which was preached in the German language was characterized by depth of thought and spiritual vigor. In the evening, Mr. Kirm preached another effective discourse of which we give a synopsis as follows:

In second Timothy, 4th chapter, 7th and 8th verses, we find the words, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." Paul was born in a city called Tarsus, a city in Greece. His parents were Pharisees, but Paul was a citizen of Rome, his father having obtained his citizenship in the Roman empire at a great price. This gave Paul a high position among the Roman people. Now this position into which he was placed with the people was to prove of great advantage to him in his future work. Paul was raised in a Pharisaical family and therefore received a very careful training, for there are no people of the face of the earth more careful in the training of their children in their morals. In the after life of Paul we find that this training was of great advantage to him. It was in that home that he attained those high ideals, which he so zealously strived for in his after life. Paul was raised and educated in the city noted for its philosophy, schools and poetry, it was the Greek schools that he became acquainted and familiar with the great philosophers and poets of Grecian times. The logic, wisdom and poetry that he gleaned from them proved of indescribable benefit to him and helped him in his work. It was here that Paul learned the poetry that he recited with such telling effect to the people. It was there Paul learned to decipher the texts which he afterwards told to the people as no one before him had done. What a great lesson we can learn from this, that no matter how little it may seem to be of use to us at the present time, anything which we may study, or how little it may help us in gaining dollars and cents, yet it will all come into use in its proper time.

I have already said he was a citizen of Rome, that great empire which was joined together by iron bonds. For the reason that he was a free Roman citizen, he could have free access to any part of the great Roman empire and could find protection in any part of it, as few men of that time could do, simply because they did not hold as high a position in the Roman empire as Paul did. He was very energetic and active in every thing he undertook; he was very ambitious to do something and to do it well. When he undertook to exterminate the preachers of the Gospel and persecuted the Christians, he did it with an enthusiasm that was unquenchable, but with all his power he would have made a failure of his life had he continued in his determination to destroy the Christians. A man makes a fool of himself when he places himself squarely across the path of progress, when he throws himself down in the track of the chariot; still Saul of Tarsus was blind enough to attempt it. If he had not changed his mind he would have been run under by the chariot of the Christian church and Saul of Tarsus would have been forgotten and the church would have progressed onward just the same to its highest ultimate.

One day Saul of Tarsus had letters from the high priest, giving him permission to bring bound to the city all Christians, men and women, which he could find in Damascus, and as he drew near to Damascus there suddenly shone around about him a light from heaven. He was dazzled by the great light and he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying unto him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" and he said, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest," and he trembling and astonished said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" (continued next week.)

AN HONORED CITIZEN GONE.

J. L. Hitchcock, a substantial citizen, a courteous gentleman and a true friend, died at Oakland, Cal., last Thursday, Feb. 14th, after a brief illness with kidney trouble, in his seventy-first year. Mr. Hitchcock was widely known and greatly esteemed by all classes of people throughout the thumb for nearly a half century. It was truly said of him: "Gentle, genial and irreproachable in every relation of life, his death is an irreparable bereavement to his family, a most grievous affliction to our citizens in business life, and a personal loss to the community."

Mr. Hitchcock was born June 10, 1830, and educated at Orickany Falls, N. Y. In 1858 he came to Michigan and purchased 120 acres of land from the government in the southern part of Tuscola county. He was the pioneer hardware man of this county, his shop being located in the dense forest. His customers were mostly Indians. In 1864, he moved to Wahi nega and built a store, and while he worked at his trade his wife looked after the interests of the store. Eight years later he moved back to Cass City where he has since been engaged in the mercantile business and farming. The last few years his health has been poor. A few months ago he left for California, where his only daughter, Mrs. Dr. Edwards, resides, with the expectation of building up his shattered health. At first he received much benefit from the change of climate but for the last few weeks his ailment returned until finally the spirit took its flight from the decaying body, and now the good man is forever at rest. Mr. Hitchcock will always be kindly remembered by our entire community.

JOHN SCHWEGLER'S BURIAL.

The last tribute of respect was given to the late John Schwegler last Saturday afternoon at the Evangelical church, where a simple but impressive service was conducted by the pastor, F. Klump, who was assisted by Rev. A. J. Kirm, Presiding Elder of Flint District.

The fact that the grim reaper Death is fast thinning out the male ranks in the local Evangelical society made an unusual impression upon the congregation during the funeral service of Mr. Schwegler. His death was caused by typhoid pneumonia and the same complacency which characterized his life was uppermost during the days of suffering and dissolution. John Schwegler was born in Germany in the year 1834. At the age of 20 he immigrated to this country and resided for many years in the state of New York. In 1881 he came to Cass City where he has since lived. Mr. Schwegler was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of few words but ever conscientious and honorable in all his dealings. He leaves a widow, one sister and many other relatives.

OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

David H. Kyes, the newly appointed Superintendent of our High School will take charge of the school today. After Prof. Weaver resigned his position the school board made a diligent search for a new man, and after a careful investigation finally employed Prof. Kyes, who comes to us with the best of recommendations.

Mr. Kyes is a graduate of Albion College, one of the best institutions in the state. He has also some experience in practical school work, having taught four years in the southern part of the state. Prof. Kyes arrived here last Tuesday accompanied by his wife, and is at present boarding at Mrs. Ale's. We bespeak for him and his companion a hearty reception on the part of the school and our citizens in general, and hope that his work may prove imminently successful.

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS.

The republican electors of Elkland township held a caucus on Monday evening, Feb. 18th, at the town hall for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention, which was held at Caro on Tuesday, Feb. 19th. There was a good representation present and the business was transacted harmoniously under the able leadership of Alex. McKenzie who was elected chairman for the occasion. The following persons were elected as delegates: H. S. Wickware, E. F. Marr, C. W. Heller, Wm. Morris, F. Klump, F. C. Lee, J. D. Brooker, D. P. Deming, and H. Ball.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

As I am now balancing up my books all persons owing me on account are requested to settle at the earliest date possible. Yours respectfully,
1-18- Wm. Messner.