





SEMI-WEEKLY PRESS

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An entertaining and instructive lecture will be given by Rev. C. S. Smith...

We are informed by a gentleman recently from Chicago...

Quick a violent storm of snow passed over the northern part of this State...

Rev. M. Saxton, formerly of Lansing, has accepted a call to reside over the Universalist Congregation of the village of Berlin, Ottawa county.

The schooner Mary is reported ashore about one mile from where the Mary lays.

Desirous of hearing the result of the temperance meeting on Wednesday evening, we asked a friend who was present, "what was said?"

Builders, and those intending to build in the Spring, should now get their material together.

Rev. H. A. Root, who was appointed Receiver of the Pioneer Land Office, by President Pierce, has returned to Pontiac with his family...

Rev. Henry Giles lectures in Detroit, Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th; Geo. D. Prentiss, on Thursday evening, January 20th; Bayard Taylor, on Tuesday evening, February 1st.

We know of a good boy about 12 years old, who wants to get a boarding place, and pay for his board by doing chores, morning, noon and evening.

The Literary Association of the Grand Rapids will hold their semi-monthly meeting at the Union School House, east side, on this (Friday) evening.

We learn that a large portion of the village of Coonac, has been destroyed by fire.

The Detroit Free Press, 17.

The Police (A. T. C.) passed up. She towed the Propeller Troy, of the Grand Haven line, which boat was disabled, into Fair Point. We did not learn the nature or extent of the damage.

THE GREAT WOMAN TRAVELER IS DEAD. Madame Ida Prentiss, the celebrated traveler, died recently in Vienna.

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THE NEW LOAN TO THE D. & M. RAILWAY. Mr. J. M. Rydges, General Manager and Director of the G. W. Railway, has written a letter in which he states that the recent loan of \$500,000 from the Directors of the G. W. Railway is to be applied to the purchase of rolling stock for the road.

THE LECTURE SYSTEM. A writer suggests a manifold improvement in the lecture system. He says: "The best thinkers are often the poorest speakers. The ablest men to compose a lecture are often the worst to deliver it."

THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE PRESS HAS HEARD, "an excellent authority" that the Empress and some of her ladies have lately been engaged in making all manner of experiments on dress as regards form, and development, and color; and that the result is, "that they have determined before long to inaugurate a violent reaction to the present style; that is to say, to dress in a style so simple as to dispense with the foot and ankle, including on the ground; to diminish, immensely their prodigious development; and in place of colors more or less tawdry, to have the brightest and gayest hues imaginable."

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COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

REGULAR MEETING. Thursday Evening, Nov. 18th, 1858. Present, the Mayor, Recorder, and Ald. Almy, Avery, Bonman, Corvel, Davis, Hilton, Luce and McConnell.

On motion of Prof. E. W. DAVIS, E. W. Davis, relative to the petition of gas light voters, was referred to the committee on gas light.

On motion of Ald. Almy. Whereas, the Marshal having in obedience to instructions from this Common Council, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions and penalties of an ordinance of this city, in regard to the deposit and sale of powder, sized the powder which has been deposited in violation of said ordinance, and whereas, the individuals owning the same, paid no attention to the existence of said ordinance, but promise that they will hereafter comply with the provisions thereof. Therefore be it resolved,

That the Marshal be and he is authorized to restore said property to the parties interested, upon their complying with the requirements of the ordinance, and paying the fines and legal charges of making said seizure; and that hereafter he, the said Marshal, be required to furnish a receipt for all powder received, and violating said ordinance after 24 hours notice.

The committee on streets to whom was referred the several assessment rolls, presented their report on the several rolls for the improvement of streets. Report accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for the drainage of certain lands in the 4th ward, reported in favor of granting the same. Report accepted and adopted.

Accounts Allowed. J. McConnell, serv. Insp. of election 4 00 C. Hilton, " " " " 4 00 R. C. Luce, " " " " 4 00 N. L. Avery, " " " " 4 00 J. Almy, " " " " 4 00 N. McLean, labor on highway dist. 7 50 N. McLean, labor on reservoir, 10 20 D. Caswell, planks for cross-walks, 45 12 D. C. Porter, labor 24 highway district, 9 97 W. E. Ford, serv. as clerk of election, 8 00 A. Ashby, Jr., " " " " 8 00 J. Chubb, building sidewalks, 117 75 J. F. Grove, 2d qrs. salary as city physician, 25 00

On motion the city surveyor was instructed to put on file the profile of Bronson street, as far as it extends to the city limits.

Ald. Avery from the committee to whom was referred the matter of land for a city cemetery, reported verbally thereto. Report accepted.

Ald. Davis moved that the matter of the petition of Jefferson street be referred back to the committee on streets to make a new assessment roll. Carried.

Ald. Davis moved that the street inspector of the 5th ward be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$300 on California street, as laid out. Carried. Ayes 7, nays 0.

The report of the commissioners for the improvement of Bridge street, west side, was presented, appended filed, and Thursday evening, Dec. 2d, ordered as the time for hearing any appeals from said assessment.

Ald. Corvel moved that the City Surveyor make an estimate of the grading done by M. Connolly, on Waterloo street, and present the same to the Council. Carried.

Ald. Avery moved that when the Council adjourn they adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

Ald. Corvel moved that a committee of two be appointed to act with the City Attorney, in drafting amendments to the city charter. The Mayor and Ald. Avery were appointed.

Adjourned until next Wednesday night. C. B. BENEDICT, City Clerk.

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Hodges, the "Hole-Nigger," hung in New York, Nov. 12. James Hodges, a colored man, was hanged at noon today in the prison, according to previous arrangements. The execution was delayed until the last moment, as his friends had hoped that a reprieve would be granted. But few persons were present in the yard, but outside the Toombs there was a large crowd, including many of the gentlemen of St. Louis. Hodges was a good fellow, and a very good weatherer of the mountains. His father was present, and when the body was cut down, threw himself upon it in a paroxysm of grief.

Senator Hendrick of California, has arrived here. He left Salt Lake Oct. 1st, and encountered a good deal of snow and severe weather on the mountains. He had a rib broken by the upsetting of the coach near Kansas City, also his feet frozen on the mountains.

"The musician who composed the 'march of intellect' is engaged on a new opera."

"I can't see how you can sit and eat while your wife is so sick."

"Why, my dear fellow, it is not that I love my wife, but that I love pancakes more."

"When one sin is admitted, it is generally found that it has a companion, it is at the door and the former will work at the gate admission for the latter."

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MARKETS.

Grand Rapids Retail Prices (cont'd). Butter, 1 lb. 14c; Eggs, 1 doz. 14c; Flour, 100 lbs. 12c; Sugar, 100 lbs. 12c; Coffee, 100 lbs. 12c; Tea, 100 lbs. 12c; Rice, 100 lbs. 12c; Beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Potatoes, 100 lbs. 12c; Apples, 100 lbs. 12c; Oranges, 100 lbs. 12c; Lemons, 100 lbs. 12c; Peaches, 100 lbs. 12c; Plums, 100 lbs. 12c; Cherries, 100 lbs. 12c; Strawberries, 100 lbs. 12c; Raspberries, 100 lbs. 12c; Blackberries, 100 lbs. 12c; Currants, 100 lbs. 12c; Grapes, 100 lbs. 12c; Figs, 100 lbs. 12c; Dates, 100 lbs. 12c; Almonds, 100 lbs. 12c; Walnuts, 100 lbs. 12c; Pecans, 100 lbs. 12c; Chestnuts, 100 lbs. 12c; Hazelnuts, 100 lbs. 12c; Macadamia nuts, 100 lbs. 12c; Pineapples, 100 lbs. 12c; Melons, 100 lbs. 12c; Watermelons, 100 lbs. 12c; Cucumbers, 100 lbs. 12c; Eggplants, 100 lbs. 12c; Peppers, 100 lbs. 12c; Onions, 100 lbs. 12c; Potatoes, 100 lbs. 12c; Carrots, 100 lbs. 12c; Turnips, 100 lbs. 12c; Cabbage, 100 lbs. 12c; Lettuce, 100 lbs. 12c; Spinach, 100 lbs. 12c; Broccoli, 100 lbs. 12c; Cauliflower, 100 lbs. 12c; Asparagus, 100 lbs. 12c; Beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Peas, 100 lbs. 12c; Lentils, 100 lbs. 12c; Chickpeas, 100 lbs. 12c; Garbanzo beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Kidney beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Navy beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Pinto beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Black beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Green beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Soybeans, 100 lbs. 12c; Mung beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Adzuki beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Lentils, 100 lbs. 12c; Chickpeas, 100 lbs. 12c; Garbanzo beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Kidney beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Navy beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Pinto beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Black beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Green beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Soybeans, 100 lbs. 12c; Mung beans, 100 lbs. 12c; Adzuki beans, 100 lbs. 12c.

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CALL & EXAMINE MY STOCK. JOHN E. EARLE. Grand Rapids, Sept. 15, 1858.

ESTRAY! TAKEN UP by the subscriber, on Saturday, the 16th inst., a pair of grey horses, belonging to the Post Office.

Northwestern Quarterly Magazine. For 1859. The American Baptist Almanac.

FROM the Lower Steamboat Landing in this city, on or about the 1st inst., one Span of good sized black horses, with white markings on their faces, legs and bellies, and white markings on their sides, were stolen from the premises of the subscriber, and are now being sought for by the subscriber, and any information leading to their recovery, will be liberally rewarded.

