

The Northville Record

SAMUEL H. LITTLE, Editor.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 29, 1872.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

Orations—Essays—Declaimations—Rowdism—Denounced—“word to the wise etc.”—Criticism on the different pieces—Music and its drawbacks.

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The last piece was a recitation by Miss Nellie L. Gandy, HIGH TIDE ON THE COAST OF LINCOLNSHIRE, done with great effect and elicited great applause.

The music was furnished by Dr. J. M. Swift and Lady, A. M. Randolph and daughter, as a quartette, with Miss Lizzie Swift as organist, which was acknowledged to be fair.

As our knowledge of music does not qualify us to critique understandingly, we will not make any attempt, having long since learned that singers and musicians, as a class, require soft handling, and their feathers needs to be brushed the right way in order to produce harmony, hence we never allow down windows, French or fires, in stores, nor talk in tones louder than medium, therefore,

while a hymn or song is being sung, for fear of injuring their everlasting disposition, or prevent some other person from hearing the same.

We believe that those who spend their time and money, to acquire the art and favor us with music on all occasions, have rights that ought to be respected, and we think that one of the grossest insults that can be offered to a singer, is to commence a loud harangue after having entered, and urged him to favor them with music.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Arrival and Departure of Mail.

ARRIVED 10:30 A.M. AND CLOSES 1 P.M.

New Advertisements.

S. Freedman & Bros.—Dry Goods.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Baker—Antiques.

For the reason of having no help for the last few weeks, our paper has appeared on Tuesday in place of the Saturday previous. We will also account for the absence of this issue. Our friends will please bear this in mind, and therefore we shall come out to time.

Mild Thawing. Cutters flying. Dogs are fighting. Streets crowded to-day. Record comes out Tuesday. Another snow storm set in on the 15th. Subscriptions for Weekly are being handed in.

Boulevard or Avenue probably owned by Eastern Peculiar Estate. Jackson & Norton. Public boot-factors—those who clean out their walks. Our Poor's Partial Estate always in the books for credit. Jackson & Norton.

The citizens of Plymouth are about establishing the "The First National Bank of Plymouth," with Mr. E. J. Pease as President. Good for our neighbors.

According to A. E. Rockwell and his fine collection of clippings, scarcely ever on exhibition in Northville, 1844.

One corner of the "Northville Record" will appear in our next issue. The author has our thanks for the favor.

Our General Election has the appearance of the 4th of July.

The two or three week-long meetings were extremely pleasant and but for the one on our streets one would have liked it to spring.

All kinds of Inter-Prayer fair &c., at short notice, by A. E. Rockwell.

E. M. Stewart, the local carpenter on the H. W. & M. commenced last week in the erection of the depot at New Boston, a station 19 miles south of Wayne.

A small motor-pump is now in operation at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Rockwell.

An eastern man is looking and shopping at present for a New Detroit home past week for his family.

It is a very good place of description in New Boston.

Some real religious person engaged Mr. C. L. Seeley's local services right off, and this for the next continuing eight months, during which he is to be the pastor.

Our Post Office is now under the management of Mr. G. W. & M. and is located at the corner of Main and Main Street. It is a good office.

Beginning with 1872 the new German weekly of the American Tract Society, the "DEUTSCHER VOLKSKRÆFTEN," will be entitled to the size of the "Illustrated Chronicle," 16mo, and illustrated. This paper has received the very highest and warmest commendations from the best judges at home and abroad; one critic pronouncing it the best paper he reads in either German or English.

Remember that you can get your mail at 10c per letter, 25c per envelope, and 50c per package.

Entered into Partnership—Mr. S. Freedman & Bros., the members of the firm, Mr. Townsend, the number of dealers, as will be seen from their advertisement, have formed a co-partnership under the name of H. W. & M. & Townsend.

Donation—A donation visit, for the benefit of the Methodist pastor, Rev. J. S. Jensen, was held at the residence of Dr. Jas. Preston last evening. A large company, a pleasant time, and \$100 mostly cash, was the result.

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The Union Methodist—The religious services held during the past week have been well attended and productive of much good.

See last Sabbath, 14th.

In our SANCERRE.—One of our Wayne subscribers, Mr. W. W. Bailey, called upon us on the 11th, with whom we enjoyed a very sociable visit. He reports business unusually good, and the town prospering. We are always glad to see our friends and we consider Mr. B. as one of them.

Rev. J. C. Baker, formerly baptist pastor here, was in town on the 12th during which time he made us a short call. He is looking well again having entirely recovered from a long period of sickness. We were pleased to learn that his family are well, and that they all design soon spending a few days here among their many dear friends.

Mr. John Steele and Mr. M. Connor, two of the leading Merchants of Plymouth, also friends of the Record, made us a brief call on Wednesday. Always glad to see our Plymouth friends.

The family of Mr. Elias Perigo were favored with a visit for several days past from Mr. B. F. D. Dean, a personal friend of Mr. J. C. Rancier (Mrs. P.'s brother). The gentleman, who made us an occasional call while here, has lately resided at Jackson in this State; but is now contemplating entering into business at Elkhart, Ind. With a view of much benefit he has been holding out inducements to Messrs. Perrigo & Rancier to join him in the enterprise; whether or not such arrangements are effected, we hope that this may not be his last appearance here, but rather that the favorable impression he has formed of our village may be enhanced from future visits.

Wednesday 16th was the occasion of a family gathering at the residence of Mr. C. L. Seeley, celebrating his birth day. Mr. Seeley has been in poor health for some time from lung disease, and has at present a severe cough, confining him entirely to the house. The nice bough of his children about 11 in number, have turned up for a while. We hope to see him mortal again in good health.

S. Freedman & Bros.—As will be seen from the half column advertisement elsewhere in this paper, Messrs. Freedman & Bros. are still making great purchases and offering suggestions in variety, quality and price of goods. Of this firm we need not speak, as for a being the oldest established in Detroit and having a long history the public can trust in the sure and steady course they have gained a large and deserved popularity.

Monday last, the 12th, the 6th in the year of our Lord, 1872, at the house of the son or member of the family, George St. John, and wife, four sons, one turning eight hundred days next November to the parents.

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NINTH DAY PARTY.

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When an enterprising young party is given up to a remembrance of the anniversary of the birth of a mother, and the results, not only the greater part of her descendants, but numerous friends of her for many years may be able to participate, the occasion is certainly one of joy and success. Such an instance occurred last Thursday evening at the residence of W. D. Whalen, Esq., being the eighty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Hannah Dillingham, Mrs. Whalen's mother. Here were all her descendants, (with the exception of two grand children) in the State, including a son, Mr. J. Dillingham, Esq., and wife of East Saginaw; Mr. J. B. Covert, and wife of Flint; latter a niece; Mr. H. Wing, a nephew, with his wife two sons and a daughter, of Howell; also Mr. H. King, a relative from Iowa. Besides them were several intimate friends of our own village, who joined with the others in the presentation of numerous and appropriate gifts to the old lady. The supper comprised a nice variety of cake and other tables well served and unusually well relished by all.

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The society held its last meeting at Milford. There were a gratifying number of Misses present. The discussions were of great interest, and the results were profitable. The next meeting to be held at Plymouth on the first Thursday in February, at 10 o'clock.

Two essays are to be read, & the subject for especial discussion, are Pneumonia & Typhoid Fever.

FROM WEST NOV.

Serious Accident

January, 12, 1872

Editor of Record—Mr. John Hughes of Milford started from home with his horse and buggy for New Boston, on Tuesday the 10th inst. When a short distance from his house, his horse became frightened, and soon overturned the buggy, and ran away, severely injuring Mr. H.; yet he returned home got a s. of horses and mule's wagon, and taking his wife, daughter and grand daughter, proceeded down to New Boston, found his horse secured and unhurt, but his buggy had been ruined. Mr. H. soon started out for home on the gravel road, and when he had a few rods on the way, having the third horse hitched beside the team, they became frightened, unmanageable and ran, overturning the wagon with all in it: the box came off and Mrs. Hughes received a dangerous wound on the head, fracturing her skull and is now in an insensate condition with little probability of recovery. The others escaped with slight bruises; the wagon was badly broken: the horses ran two miles and were stopped, not injured.

E. S. WOODMAN.

Apology.—Among the numerous

magazines on our exchange list none seems to come up with *Appleton's Weekly* for varied and entertaining literature, not to speak of choice illustrations. Having no doubt that it will never fail short of its present real merit we can command it to our readers as well worthy their money and attention. \$4 per year. 94 Grand St. New York.

The publishers will confer a favor if they will send us their *Christmas number*.

A GOOD WORD FROM DETROIT.

Office Detroit Post, Detroit, Jan 22 1872.

S. H. LEITCH, Esq.

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INTERVIEW AND ANSWER.

Written for the Northville Record.

The five Years.

We entered now the glad news.

Well welcome 1872.

And while we greet the new with cheer,

We bid the old adieu.

But let us pause, even though we're repaid.

Milestone marked 71.

While we review from first to last,

How much the year has done.

Fewful year! most wondrous things

Have marked thy fleeting reign.

Of these old poets well might sing,

And history's page proclaim.

Upon each heart thy name appears,

Engraved deep and plain;

As wreathed in laurel or bathed in tears,

It charms or gives us pain.

A wondrous legacy thou hast

Bequeathed to erring men.

And nations plagued in war, thou hast

Repaired to peace again.

And hosts of states have merged their

In great kingdom vast.

But here of all the book that's ours,

By two great nations blest.

The Treaty formed at Washington

To settle questions sore,

A noble work ye poor has done;

To save our land from war.

Philanthropists had long bewailed

The fact, that in our land,

Growing selfishness prevailed.

There seemed no liberal hand.

When swept the fiery hurricane

With fury o'er the land,

The world its colors spread again,

And gave with liberal hand.

Upon the dial plate of earth,

Time's hands have onward moved,

A twelve month's deeds of shame or worth,

Condemn us, or approve.

Northville Jan. 15, 1872.

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