

# The Tribune.

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A. N. BROWN, PROPRIETOR.

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NO. 19

Mr. Samuel Woodworth is in Petoskey visiting his son.

Note Carr & Granger's new advertisement in this paper.

The Ladies Union announce a social at the residence of Mr. A. B. Upton in another column.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of this village, will celebrate St. Patrick's day by a banquet in the evening.

The TRIBUNE is prepared to print tickets and slips for the spring elections on short notice and at the lowest figures.

Owing to the illness of Rev. Mr. Shorts, there was no service held in the M. E. church last Sunday. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Shorts is better.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold an afternoon prayer service at the home of Mrs. E. C. Peak, on Tuesday, March 20th. All are most cordially invited.—SECRETARY.

U. S. Struble, of Chippewa, favored us with a pleasant call on Saturday. Mr. Struble joined the grand army of benedicts recently, and a smile of happiness beams from his genial countenance.

The bishop of the diocese of Western Michigan, Right Rev. George Gillespie, will be in Mt. Pleasant Sunday next. He will officiate at the services at St. John's church confirming a class on Sunday morning.

The examination of Homer and Oliver Hart on a charge of criminally assaulting the latter's little daughter is not yet completed, two or three adjournments having taken place. The testimony of the mother, aunt and grandmother of the child sustain the alleged facts as published.

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## PIONEER DAYS.

### THE FIRST CHURCH SERVICE HELD IN THE COUNTY.

#### The Difficulties Encountered by the Early Christians.

The wild animals roamed at will through the wilderness and even among the towering pines that were so beautiful, where Mt. Pleasant now stands, and all the change to civilization was accomplished in the space of thirty-three years! Little did we expect to see all this done so quickly. To-day our improvements are as good as in places that have been settled for sixty years.

But we must give a little church history, with all the rest, because there are some who think that there was not much done for many years; but we can say of a truth that the first pioneers were a moral people, and had a desire to enjoy the blessings the gospel afforded. Friends had endeavored to persuade me not to think of going into the wilderness so far from Christian privileges; but I thought we could have them here as well as in other places. When a boy I had listened to the stories of pioneers in western New York, and how well they enjoyed themselves, so I had a desire to experiment a little and thought this would be a fine place to go, as I expected to find good people who wanted to enjoy the blessings of life. The first appointment for public service was at the house of Eber Hamilton on section 33, township of Chippewa. I went to the place appointed and found a congregation assembled for the first time, it being the 25th day of March, 1855. From that time the way was open; meetings were held in Chippewa and at the house of William B. Bowen, in Coe. In the winter of 1856 services were held regularly at different places, and to

Loveland. But, as most of the people wanted to open their houses for worship, I went to different places and as far south as the house of A. M. Merrill. I continued the appointment from house to house to favor all as far as possible, at the same time forming a class of 20 members, with Jehiel Gulick as class-leader. I, also, made an appointment at Isabella city, and formed a small class. At the annual conference in 1859 Rev. Urie Mason was appointed to Gratiot circuit and remained one year, preaching a few times at Isabella City. At the last quarterly conference of 1860 I turned over my appointments to the circuit, and presented a motion that Gratiot circuit be divided, and that Chippewa circuit be formed, which motion was adopted by the annual conference. George Bradley was made presiding elder of the Lansing district, and R. T. Sheldon was employed as preacher in charge, travelling the circuit two years.

CHAS. TAYLOR.

(To be Continued)

#### Marriage Licenses Issued.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses granted by the County Clerk since our last issue:

No.	Date.	Names	Age	Residence.
59	Mar. 9	E. J. Kelley	26	Chippewa.
		Maryette Struble	18	Coe
60	Mar. 10	V. C. Tanner	24	Minnesota.
		A. A. Henderson	29	Mt. Pleasant.
61	Mar. 12	Louis Grondin	22	Coldwater.
		Julia Mayville	16	"
62	Mar. 13	N. H. Wheeler	24	Union.
		A. B. Andin	24	"
63	Mar. 14	E. J. Adams	21	Mt. Pleasant.
		Alta M. Roop	22	Alma.

#### Village Election.

The village election on Monday passed off quietly, with a light vote polled. The Republicans made no special efforts to elect their ticket, while our Democratic brethren put forth every exertion for the election of their nominees, with the single exception of street commissioner. Indeed, all day Sunday, instead of going to church and praying for the piercing of their poor, miserable, sinful souls with a few rays of spiritual light from on high, the Democratic bosses spent the day in electioneering and concocting falsehoods with which to influence the pending civic contest. The election resulted as follows:

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Mr. E. J. Adams and Miss Alta Roop, of this place, were married at the residence of the bride's mother, at Alma, yesterday evening, Rev. Mr. Hart officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are well and favorably known in Mt. Pleasant, and that happiness and prosperity may attend them through life is the sincere wish of their many friends.

On Wednesday evening Miss Albertson B. Audlin was united in matrimony to Mr. Norton R. Wheeler, both of Union township. The wedding service took place at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. Fredric C. Lee officiating. A large company was present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jared H. Doughty and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thayer, of our village.

No man is so important that he cannot be spared from this world; and as soon as he disappears therefrom by death, every man begins to be forgotten and unless there be some remarkable act or facts in his earthly history, he is still, in a comparatively short time, be forgotten altogether. Living men are so much occupied with matters of life that they give much attention to dead men. What a mere bubble is fame; how soon it bursts!

On Tuesday John Porterfield, of Vernon, was arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences. J. S. Hunt being the complaining witness. Porterfield represented that he owned over 3,000 acres of pine land which he was lumbering, as well as teams and sleighs, and on the strength of this obtained goods from Mr. Hunt the value of nearly \$100. The facts were that Porterfield does not seem to own much of anything but "cheek" and a dishonest nature, and after treating his men out of their wages he was preparing to skip out when Mr. Hunt had him arrested and placed in jail. Since the foregoing was in type Porterfield settled with Mr. Hunt and the case was withdrawn.

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25th day of March, 1855. From that time the way was open; meetings were held in Chippewa and at the house of William B. Bowen, in Coe. In the winter of 1856 services were held regularly at different places, and towards spring we held revival services: part of the time services were held at the house of James Campbell. We had good times and much good was done. Meetings were conducted by Charles Taylor until a minister was sent by the Michigan Conference, and in November T. J. Hill came and took charge of the work. At the conference held in 1856 the Lansing district was formed. Rev. Hiram Law presiding elder. The Gratiot circuit was also formed, to consist of Gratiot and Isabella counties, and as much of Midland as the preacher might occupy, with the privilege of going on foot. I travelled with him to all the appointments, where classes were immediately established. The first quarterly meeting was held for this circuit at the Woodin school-house, near Pine River, November 8, 1856, when Charles Taylor received a license as a local preacher. He had previously carried an exhorter's license. The circuit included Gratiot and Isabella counties and twenty-three appointments were made. The quarterly meeting for the second quarter was held in February 1857, at the school-house on Salt river.

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The most notable feature of the election was the desperate efforts of the bosses and their gang to defeat Mr. Mosher for street commissioner, because that gentleman is not an enemy of the TRIBUNE. They nominated Mr. Mosher for the sole purpose of slaughtering him at the polls, and even money was used freely to try to accomplish their purpose. But when the votes were counted Mr. Mosher donned a smile which the Jersey Lily might envy, as he marched home in triumph with a majority of nearly 70, the street commissionership and the scalps of the gang of bosses dangling from his belt.

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### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A CLARE PHYSICIAN.

Under Arrest, Accused of Hiring a Man to Murder Dr. F. J. Todd.

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Lansing gave \$1,500 bail for his appearance for examination next Tuesday.

In another column the Republican caucus for Union township is called for Monday, March 23. Let every Republican in the township note it.

Yesterday Justice Loveland issued warrants for the arrest of Melvin Roon, Jud Belknap and Robert Labell, who are charged with assaulting John Campbell and Jane Campbell, the latter being complaining witness in the case.