

THIRTIETH YEAR. DRY SOUTH LYON A GREAT SURPRISE WARREN MURDER SUPT. T. CASEY

A Ringing Note from Brother M. H. BARTRAM, Proving that Local Option is Good.

To the Editor of the ECCENTRIC: Living in one of the small towns of Oakland county, and having been told that South Lyon, of the same county would not tolerate the sale of liquor as a beverage, and a report being in circulation that said village was dead so far as business is concerned, I took the opportunity of writing to Rev. M. H. Bartram, our former Methodist pastor, to give the facts concerning the matter. The following is his reply, which I would like to have you print for the benefit of those who think that prohibition kills a town.

Yours respectfully, T. C. WILLIAMS.

Birmingham, Mich., Feb. 18, 1908. "You want to know what is the influence of local option on the business interests of this village? I can answer that better by giving you the comments of the men who are in business here."

"First—D. A. Killis, who has been in the hardware business 25 years; 'This is as good a year for business as I ever had. The saloon is no help to me.'"

Second—John Jacobus, who keeps a general store; 'Business is better this year than any other. Bills are more easily collected.'"

Third—John Challis, who keeps an agricultural store; 'My business is as good as ever. The saloon is no good to me.'"

Fourth—E. M. Calkins, who keeps a general store; 'I have sold a thousand dollars more this year than the year previous. Local option is the thing for me.'"

"Fifth—Mr. Potts, harness and farmers' supplies; 'My business is as good as ever. Saloon not needed.'"

Sixth—Henry Stevenson, drugs, stationery, books, wall paper and business supplies; 'My business is as good as any previous year. Collections much easier. People seem to have more ready money.'"

Seventh—Kalmach & Co., general merchants; 'Local option is no hindrance to our business. We do as well without a saloon as with one.'"

Eighth—Thomas Greedy, hardware merchant; 'Business is just as good one way as the other.'"

Ninth—Litchfield, proprietor of meat market; 'Business is just as good as in previous years. I have no use for the saloon at all.'"

Tenth—M. W. Hodgman, groceryman; 'Business is up to the standard. The saloon never was any help to our village.'"

Eleventh—Charles Chellis, jeweler and telephone manager is full of business all the time, is one of the greatest fighters of the saloon we ever met."

"Twelfth—The State Savings bank of South Lyon has \$140,000 on deposit, pays its stockholders over 10 per cent, has increased its deposits \$10,000 since May in spite of the panic. The cashier is a firm believer in local option and all other kinds of practical temperance."

This list comprises about three-fourths of the solid business men of our village. There has not been a failure here since local option went into effect, except the saloon. That went, and nobody here asks after its health or destiny. 'We have in this place a good hotel in charge of a good Christian family, where a traveling public are well and cared for.'"

"Our public school is overcrowded with foreign pupils, whose parents send them here because of the splendid life of the community."

The Citizens' Ticket Roosevelt in a Decisive Manner, the "People" Making a Clean Sweep.

Monday last was village election, and for a town that for the past 10 years could only nominate one ticket, and have only one ticket to vote, the result is surprising. With two tickets—the Citizens', which was the old party, and the People's, the new one—the result gives our village a complete new set of officers, only Messrs. Schlaack and Smith, of the old board, holding over. Now we will soon enjoy electric light, water for 24 hours per day, sewer pipes, sidewalks, cleaned at general expense, and a tax levy large enough to suit the most exacting—in fact a model miniature city. If we can get these necessary improvements, our work for it Birmingham will have a population of 5,000 in five years, hasten the day.

The following is the full vote, with majorities:

George E. Daines	192	705
Almeron Whitehead	87	
Clair	165	57
Gay L. Watkins	108	
George H. Satterlee	108	
Treasurer	171	68
Herbert W. Baxter	108	
James H. Shain	108	
Maurice R. Blair	161	46
Thomas H. Cobb	115	
Trustee	175	77
Durward B. Wilkinson	108	
Cassius W. Crawford	108	
W. Eugene Smith	108	
Volney Nixon	108	
I. Lee Truax	102	68
James C. Cobb	102	
Trustee	173	74
Walter Nichols	108	
Charles H. Berry	108	
Library Trustee—three years	179	83
Lizzie K. McCallan	108	
Mary P. Cooper	108	
Verona L. Post	108	
Library Trustee—two years	172	85
Emma E. Snow	108	
Addie L. Stearns	108	
Ydell Crawford	108	
Belle W. Bigelow	108	
Library Trustee—one year	184	96
John M. Bain	108	
George H. Mitchell	108	
Charles M. Raynal	108	
Edward K. Smith	108	

Notice to Our Customers: We are pleased to announce that F. L. Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung troubles, is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug Law as it contains no opiates or harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. All druggists.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN CRAWFORD. Died, Friday, March 6th, 1908, at the home of her son, Cassius W. in this village, aged 83 years and 6 months. Miss Polly Nixon was born near Danville, Livingston county, New York state, Sept. 20, 1824. She came to Michigan, with her parents in May, 1831. She was married January 1st, 1850, to John Crawford, and went to reside on the farm in Southfield, where she lived for fifty-one years, when she died. Her husband, her husband died June 6th, 1877, since which time she has lived with her son, Cassius W. Crawford.

She enjoyed good health and retained all her faculties until eight days before her death, when she suffered an attack of grippe, from which she did not rally. Her sight and hearing were remarkably good for one of her age. She leaves a son, two grand children, Mrs. Irving Voorhees and Dr. F. G. C. Crawford of this village, also three grand children, Glenn and Donald Voorhees. The funeral was held on Monday last, from her later home, Dr. Welton conducting the services, after which her remains were laid away in Greenwood cemetery.

NEW TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

New subscribers are being constantly added to the Birmingham Exchange. For a village of its size Birmingham is right up to modern enterprise and the farmers surrounding our little city are entertaining and up-to-date. Where the lines run nearly all residents are telephone users and use the lines in emergency cases, business and social chat. If you are not a user of the phone—get the latest. A new "Direct" plan will be in April and until then cut this slip out and paste in your book. There are new subscribers since the last directory was published aside from the slip enclosed therein.

- 127-1 Still Capt. H. Res.
- 79-32 Hagerman Ed. Farm.
- 13-3 Evans Mrs. Hattie Farm.
- 12-14 Evans Elmer W.
- 12-14 Evans John D.
- 16-1 Bailey Ernest Res.
- 128 Garding E. C. Res.
- 127-12 Crawford John W. Farm.
- 122-32 Donaldson John Farm.
- 124-32 Parks Ward
- 117-12 Church Bert J.
- 124-12 Jackson Caleb G.
- 124-12 McClelland Joseph
- 124-14 Bell Mrs. John A.
- 117-13 Miller Henry A.
- 92-1 Cotton F. N. Res.
- 129 Heth John F. Res.

A Warren Man Kills James McClelland, his Brother-in-Law Following a Quarrel.

James McClelland, son of Andrew McClelland, of Fremont street, in this village, and who lives one and one-half miles west of Warren, was shot and killed last morning, about nine o'clock a. m., by his brother-in-law, Fred Ames, sending four bullets into his body.

Ames is in jail at Mt. Clemens, and pleads self defense. He alleges that McClelland started after him with a pitchfork. Mrs. McClelland, the only witness of the tragedy, asserts that Ames chased her husband out of the barn with a revolver and that he fired three times. McClelland was shot in the head and three times in the body. The two men have had repeated quarrels. Liquor has had a large part in the trouble. Recently Mrs. McClelland notified liquor dealers not to sell her husband any intoxicants, but he secured liquor. Ames states that he was warned not to go near McClelland unless armed, and explains this was how he came to carry the revolver.

Ames claims that Alex. Lewless, of Royal Oak, told him to carry a gun, whenever he called on McClelland. Alex. says, "It is false." that he told him "If he had trouble with McClelland, to knock the stuff out of him." We believe Alexander.

WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. Clyde A. Schoonover, of Utica, Weds One of Troy's Fairer Daughters.

One of the most distinguished weddings of the season took place Wednesday evening, March 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Jackson, of Troy, when the daughter, Goldie Irene was united in marriage to Clyde A. Schoonover, of Utica.

At 7:30, on the wedding march played by Mrs. Fred Parks led forth the bride, a beautiful girl, accompanied by Miss Maple Berry of Birmingham, and Mr. Barton Jackson, brother of the bride, took their place under a beautiful archway of white and green.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. D. A. Cross, of Troy, the ring being carried in the hand of a callily by little Miss Edna Schoonover of Utica.

The bride was beautifully gowned in cream silk and lace, carrying bridal roses. The bride's maid wore white muslin dress, and carried pink carnations.

About 75 friends and relatives from Toledo, Detroit, Northville, Pontiac, Birmingham, Utica, and Troy were present to offer congratulations.

The presents, consisting of sterling silver, china, cut glass and bric a brac, were very numerous.

A bountiful repast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Schoonover left for a northern trip.

They will be at home in Utica to their many friends and relatives after April first.

The Lucky Quarter.

Is the one you pay for a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They bring you the health that's more precious than money. Try them for headache, biliousness, constipation and malaria. If they disappoint you the price will be cheerfully refunded at Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

A Record that is One to be Proud Of. Superintendent of Schools Thos. Case Recognized.

The following article we clip in part, from the 'Crocketon' (Minn.) Daily Journal, Feb. 19th, '08. 'This laudatory article refers to the brother of Mrs. Elmer Munro, of our village. Mr. Thos. Casey certainly bears a most enviable reputation, as a teacher, a county official and gentleman, in every sense of the word. The paper says: 'County Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Casey, of Polk county has decided definitely not to be a candidate for re-election. He was interviewed today regarding the subject by a representative of the Journal and stated that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for superintendent of schools. This decisive statement will come as a great surprise to the many friends of Mr. Casey who have so loyally supported him in every campaign in which he has figured in the past.'

Hundreds of those most interested in the welfare of the schools of Polk county have tried to persuade Mr. Casey to remain in the work but he is firm in his purpose to relinquish the office. Mr. Casey has been superintendent of the schools of Polk county for ten years, or five terms and his efficiency and popularity is attested to by the fact that no other superintendent of schools of this county ever held the office for more than two terms and four superintendents held held office one term.

Supt. Casey is an educator of wide experience, and it is without doubt due to this fact that his work has proven so effective in bringing the standard of education in Polk county up to its present high state. Before taking charge of the schools of this county Supt. Casey was engaged in teaching. He had charge of the South Crookston schools, taught in the Crookston High school, was principal of the East Grand Forks schools, the Red Lake Falls schools for five years, and the State graded schools of Finner for eight years, and four consecutive years before he took charge of the schools of Polk county. He was employed by the Department of Education of the state of Minnesota to instruct teachers in the summer training schools.

To indicate the high estimation of Supt. Casey's work in prefacing his address to the teachers and school officers of the Northwestern Minnesota Educational Association, held in Crookston in 1907, Hon. J. W. Olson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Minnesota, said of Mr. Casey: 'The department of Public Instruction of Minnesota recognizes in the services of your County Superintendent, Mr. T. C. Casey, a counselor whose timely advice and thoughtful suggestions have been of inestimable value, and whose work as a school superintendent has been practical and up-to-date. I consider him as one of the most efficient county superintendents in the entire state.'

Good for Everybody. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: 'I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system.' Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter, as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of the Township of Troy, assembled in caucus at the Town Hall in the Township of Troy, Oakland county, Michigan, at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, March 28, 1908, for the purpose of placing in nomination township officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such caucus. Let all turn out and have a full discussion of our township affairs, road work, etc.

By order of Committee. W. S. WALKER, Chairman.

Dated March 7, 1908.

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