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ALLEGIANCE TO PARTY FAITH

Loyalty, according to the wisdom of sages, is one of the fine attributes of the human animal. Loyalty to a cause, to a man, to a principle of truth, has stirred human breasts throughout the ages to deeds of heroism and sacrifice. It is a chief stone in the building of life's structure; it is worthy of the honest consideration of all.

Even in the realm of politics, loyalty has its place. Especially true is this at this time in Michigan's history when rumors are rife that many former supporters of Alex J. Groesbeck are swinging over to the Democratic Comstock ranks, their reason being that they are just naturally anti-Green.

What a lot of foolishness! What a lack of real reason for claiming allegiance to the Republican Party!

We have no argument with the person who, claiming to be independent in politics, selects his candidates with judgment, regardless of Party political faith. The independent voter is, on the average, the most intelligent voter in the land. Generally, he is more thoroughly acquainted with governmental affairs than the elector who blindly votes for his Party candidate. But such independent voters are in the great minority today.

You who voted for Groesbeck will be unable to do so at the general election in November; instead, you will have to vote for Fred W. Green, if you stay Republican. And why-not? Certainly, Mr. Green is worthy of perpetuating the principles of Republicanism in Michigan.

WITNESS THE PASSING OF OUR TREES

Beyond any question of doubt the characteristics of Birmingham that attract so many new people here are the things that a bountiful Providence has bestowed upon this part of the earth's surface. Rolling land, with plenty of trees, grace our community. Glacial action, of course, is responsible for the topography; Nature, on the other hand, aids man in the formation of plant life.

Everybody admires the trees on Birmingham's two largest streets, Woodward and Maple avenues. Slowly, one by one, as the result of the commercial expansion of our village, the trees are succumbing to the saw and axe. Within another year or two Woodward avenue will be as bare of foliage as a Utah desert; canvas awnings will provide shade for the weary traveller in place of waving branches.

There ever thus. Notice the trees on Woodward avenue these Fall days, folks; watch them as they turn to reds, browns, and gold. Perhaps this will be their last year upon earth. Long have they blessed this community; endeared they may be to many. But they are doomed to go!

Like human beings, the friendly trees are born to lose their lives that they may like human beings, "find them"? Who knows?

POOR, LONELY A. J.

Just what mental alchemy is taking place in the mind of Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, defeated last week for nomination as the Republican candidate for a fourth term as Michigan's Chief Executive, is known only to himself and his Maker. To say that he is crushed in spirit must contain something of the truth, although he may never broadcast to the world of men and women his true feelings. Mr. Groesbeck has always played a lone hand; therefore, in his stinging defeat, he is probably lonely—that is the price paid for isolation.

We have no doubt but that, in the years to come, the name of Alex J. Groesbeck will be recalled in connection with material progress in this state; beyond any question of doubt his three terms in office were necessary to awaken and stimulate Michigan to a program of material achievement—Governor Groesbeck set a pace for those who may follow him in office. Reckoned in dollars and cents, the program was costly, perhaps, in spiritual values, too, Groesbeck has left his mark upon Michigan by recalling to the people the danger of one-man government.

Personally, we feel very sorry for "Lonely A. J."; he is human, after all, and deserving of human love and regard, of friendship and charity. "Man lives not by bread alone," saith the Great Book. "His greatest is to be beloved," singeth the poet.

Poor, lonely A. J.

DEVELOPING TOWN PRIDE

There is in many towns a conflict between people whose first thought is to make money, and those whose first thought is to make an attractive home town. The first named people are constantly seeing chances to make money through some kind of development enterprise. If such promoters lack good taste, they are apt to cut up real estate in an undesirable way, or erect flimsy looking dwellings, put up unsuitable business buildings or erect them in places where they injure the looks of the town. They may sincerely believe their projects help the town grow and are commendable.

These people are apt to show enterprise, and if they only had more sense of fitness and taste, they would do a lot of good. In a town where there is not much pride or community spirit, people of that type have things about their own way. They go ahead with their commercialized projects, and the town grows helter skelter and may never develop into a real homey kind of place.

But in a city with live community spirit, these money makers find that it pays to conform to a higher standard. They learn that the average run of people take pride in their community, and want it made attractive and beau-

tiful. They realize that unless their developments are in keeping with the standards desired, their enterprises will get in bad.

They find that if they put up ugly houses, people are slow to buy or rent them, and if they erect unattractive stores in unsuitable places, people may not patronize them. It is a pleasure to be able to say that, on the whole excellent standards of taste have prevailed in the development of Birmingham. As a whole we have a community to be proud of, yet there is always room for improvement, and still higher standards.

Not so much the first cost as the accessories dent the pocketbook.

A writer suggests 13 ways for a wife to lose her husband, but she might succeed, we suspect, without having to avail herself of all of them.

As a remedy for divorce a Chicago judge urges men not to marry until they reach the age of reason. But that would bar so many from marriage altogether.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS— of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Glanced From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 YEARS AGO. That month ball court that excited so much wonder and a malaise in front of this office was raised by Mr. McDowell on the old McCracken farm. It's the tallest ever seen this year, and we are informed by the raiser that his corn will remainably taking everything into consideration.

J. Allen Bigelow's new house has received its first coat of plaster. Mrs. Bub Barns had a lap robe stolen from her buggy the night the circus was here.

C. R. Jenks has purchased himself a new trombone horn and a neatly manipulates it in both the brass and string bands.

Jhannie Crawford is busily repainting his father's house. Having some leisure time, John is going to improve it by ornamenting the domicile, like a sensible boy.

The Birmingham Aid Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. Young Friday afternoon, Oct. 1st, at half past two p. m. All are invited. Mrs. J. Robbins, Secretary.

Miss May Park, daughter of Paul A. Park, had a party last week Thursday evening at her home. A small circle of young friends were pleasantly entertained by music and dancing.

Monday last Joe Rainey began to clerk for J. R. Corson & Son. We are glad to see Joe get steady employment and trust he will improve his time and become a merchant prince some day.

Mr. James A. Clark of Southfield, near J. C. Adams, brings us three more of his pet birds—Burbanks, and a Late Red Rose. They're burblers and are accompanied with a curious lot of hen's eggs.

A young son of David Hanna was thrown from a horse on Saturday last, and his horse was killed in a frightful manner. We are informed that he will recover, however, and we sincerely hope so.

As Mr. J. B. Sly was at work near Wing Lake the other day, he noticed the uselessness of his dog by going from a certain point near the lake to where he was at work. Thinking perhaps he had a squirrel or something of the kind, he thought no more of it for a while. As the dog appeared anxious to be let out, he would follow him to the spot, and behold! he found one of his sheep mixed up to its midriff in a hole, and a natural standing position just able to hold its nose above mud and water.

Our senior editor's new house on Pierce street is looking along finely, and Whitehead smiles as he views the scene from the back window of the office. Two weeks ago today there was not a stick standing upright, and no signs of a house, and notwithstanding some rainy weather, it will soon be ready for occupancy. For the quietness of genuine energy, commend us to J. R. Logan, the builder. Houses go up under his supervision in a manner which makes us think that the days of Alladin have come again.

We like to see progress among our farmers, and the latest evidence of that kind of business is a purchase of a fine yearling ram of the Rambouillet breed, which was purchased by Henry Grinnell, of Franklin, and arrived safely by express one day last week. The animal is one of the finest of the celebrated flock on the Model Provincial farm of Canada, was instituted run on the same place as our agricultural college farm of Lansing. The animal is a fine stylish lamb, weighs 200 pounds and has a fleece of combing wool of very fine texture.

A serious accident occurred on Saturday last to our friend Ed. Miller, as he was coming from Pontiac with his brother Mark. While near Mr. Wilder's residence the horse took fright at the cars and in shying one side he broke over the top of the car, capturing them both, and smashing the front wheels, took a big line for Birmingham, the first part of the buggy striking against the horse's heels. When he brought up against Blakeslee and Home's hitching post, his hind foot was nearly cut off. Camp fixed up the cut and the horse is still alive, but is expected, worse than Mark and Ed, were severely bruised, but will recover.

Messrs. Casey and Tiner have bought a new engine and separator. They bought an engine for their saw mill, and so many of the old boys of the boys wanted them to go into through, they purchased the separator and for three or four years they will be glad to do all jobs of their kind. The boys are hard workers and certainly deserve their unbounded success.

28 YEARS AGO. Mrs. Lydia Musgrave visited relatives and friends in Detroit the first of the week. Remember the Ladies' Aid Society at Mrs. Frank Allen's this afternoon. David Morrison, of Sanilac county, was a guest at A. Bunyan's one day last week.

For rent: a tent, 10 feet wide, 16 feet long, with a T. wall, inquire of J. N. Zimmerman, Birmingham, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. George Hupp will occupy Mrs. Peabody's pleasant Woodward avenue home beginning the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mitchell, of Richmond, Mich., were welcome guests at the home of Geo. H. Mitchell, over Sunday last. Miss Maud Cade, of Detroit, Miss Lou Cade and Mrs. Branton, of Woodstock, Ont., were Sunday guests at R. J. Kinnisten's.

The happiest father in town is Charles Reynolds over the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy who weighs nine pounds. All doing nicely. The Lady Maccabees will hold their next tea meeting at the home of Mrs. Emma Tibbitts, Oct. 11. Come and have a good time. Flora Mudge, Secretary.

Mrs. E. A. Knapp and daughter Lettie, of Hobart, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Knapp's sister, Mrs. E. Montgomery, and also her son, Floyd Knapp, of this place. The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Cassius Crawford Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9. Everyone cordially invited.

The township board of Bloomfield met Saturday last and estimated the amount of money required by the township for next year as follows: General expense, \$700; highway fund, \$700. Mrs. R. J. Mitchell had quite a severe stroke of paralysis last week Friday. Her entire left side is affected. Dr. C. M. Reynolds is her physician but does not give much encouragement. W. C. Hign, wife and family, were with her Sunday. Charles H. Hoffman and wife of Detroit, are with her, also her sister, Mrs. Minerva McCall, of Detroit. We sincerely hope the good lady will soon recover.

Geo. Morine, of Chicago, is visiting her parents at Sloan farm; also Prof. Todd, of the Metropolitan Band, and on Friday evening last they entertained a few of the Detroit friends with a game of pedro, and to say they had a jolly time doesn't half express it.

Visitors during State Fair week of Mrs. Frank Whitehead's daughter, Alice; Mr. and Mrs. John Morriah, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ranson, of Chicago, and Arthur Lockwood, of Jackson. Lawyer Greece, of Detroit, was in town Saturday last negotiating with the township board to secure a franchise for the western portion of the township for an electric road to run from Lapeer to Detroit. It is said the line will run through Franklin. The matter was taken under consideration.

George Kendall, who was nearly the first cashier of the D. & F. Electric Railway, is back again among his old friends for a short visit. He is a very popular, pleasing young man. A reunion reception was given him at the home of Mrs. E. Smith last Monday evening. He is still in the electric railway business in Hamilton, Ont., and has prospered.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

COMSTOCK LOCATES A SCANDAL. Because a fool statute says that a candidate for governor of Michigan must not spend more than \$2500 on his primary campaign in a state with more than a million voters, Mr. Comstock, the democratic candidate for governor, thinks he has found an issue against his republican opponent, Mayor Green. He says: "The tactics used in the campaign for Mr. Green and the unwarranted expenditure of money by him and his friends indicate that they have no conscience. The political check book has again come into evidence in Michigan. Mr. Comstock offers no evidence whatever to support his accusation. Mr. Green's reply is prompt and complete. Here it is: My campaign was conducted within the minimum possible expense. There has been no corruption by me, and I will be glad to throw open my books and give the most minute reports. Certainly Green money was scarce enough in Wayne county. He did not employ a single paid worker. He did not rent a single billboard, and he used only a nominal amount of paid advertising. Those who ought to know say the Green campaign in Wayne county undoubtedly cost less than the campaign of any of the leading candidates in the more active contests here for local offices. Before attempting to manufacture a scandal out of the primary law, Mr. Comstock would do well to confer with his democratic colleague, Senator Ferris. Mr. Ferris has had more to say in recent years about election expenses than any other democrat in Michigan, or perhaps all of them put together. But he got through with his campaign in 1922 he allowed that the Michigan primary law on campaign expenses was unreasonable. He thought a candidate ought to be permitted to spend enough to write letters to the voters and to do a limited amount of advertising. He said he was not sure how to draw the line, but he raised no objection to the campaign fund of \$30,000 used for his republican opponent, the late Senator Townsend that year. Law or no law, the people of Michigan are not going to penalize any candidate for spending what was needed to make a clean and intelligent and effective campaign as Mr. Green has made in the cause of good government. (Detroit Saturday Night.)

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