

VOLUME I. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1859. NUMBER 46.

PRINTING AND BINDING

PRESS BOOK AND JOB PRINTING

BEING A LIST OF THE PRESS BOOKS... ADDITIONAL TYPE has just been made in this establishment...

RULING AND BINDING

The proprietors are prepared to do the ruling of Black Work, and to execute binding of any desired style.

BLANK BOOKS

Having some arrangements with Detroit house, we can buy blank books at lower rates than can be obtained in this city.

LOCAL ITEMS

THE "WIFE" IS INFORMED that we got that "hat"...

VALUABLE HORSE KILLED

A pair of horses owned by G. B. Knight, Esq. of Walker, ran down a horse street on Tuesday at a rapid rate...

THIS EVENING attend the Democratic

ward meetings. As some future time we shall inaugurate a reform in the manner of holding and conducting our ward meetings...

NEW BUILDING

Propose one office and brick depot on Canal street, for the new building of Mills & Clancy.

IT IS SAID that the D. & M. R. Co.

intend to run a daily express train from Detroit to Grand Haven, during the coming season...

BOYD AGAIN

Secretary's Valley City Advertiser, for a February, is before us, and looks as bright as a new dollar.

AT GONE

The snow has all "dusted" and the sleighing has slid, but it made lively trouble...

SATURDAY NIGHT

It was a match game in the "Pres," one week since, that was staged by the Democrats...

"GAY DEITIES"

"Some days since there arrived at one of the hotels in this city from an adjacent town, a father and his two sons...

ARE WOMEN MORE POLITE THAN MEN?

We take the negative side of that question, and will produce the papers. Talk about the staring of men at women as they pass along the street...

ONE FOLK'S PART

"Fun is an institution created with the creation of man, if not anterior to it...

ARE WE AN INTELLECTUAL PEOPLE?

Grand Rapids claim some merit as the patrons of wit and as appreciators of the dramatic art...

YANKEE PATIENCE

Three young men, living at Falken Springs, Barry county, were examined before Justice Sinclair, yesterday, on the above charge...

THE GREAT ACTORS OF EUROPE AND AMERICA!

At Lee's Hall, Monday Evening, February 15th, at 7 o'clock.

Whitney's Impersonations of the Great Orators

Prof. WHITNEY, of world-wide fame, will give one of his entertainments at Lee's Hall on Monday evening.

THE AMERICAN ALMANAC

We are in possession of a copy of this valuable almanac, for 1859. This is the thirtieth volume...

THE GRAND RAPIDS POST AND PONTIAC JACKSONS

The Grand Rapids Post and Pontiac Jacksons condemn Gov. Wm. for so public an allusion to the distress in the north counties.

THE GOLD MINES

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MARKETS

Grand Rapids Retail Prices Current.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- List of local businesses including Thomas B. Church, J. H. Barber, Dr. H. Mendenhall, and others.

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OUR LANSING CORRESPONDENCE

Appropriations—Jumping the Niger—The Registry Law—Sail.

Five working days of the regular session only remain, and all the important legislation is yet to be accomplished.

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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. A Democratic State Convention for the nomination of a delegate to the National Convention...

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION. A Democratic County Convention will be held at the Court House on the 13th day of February...

DEMOCRATIC WARD MEETINGS. The Democratic electors of the several wards of the city of Grand Rapids will meet at the following places...

THE STATE TAX. The House has passed a bill which will no doubt become a law, to raise the State tax on real estate...

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT? We answer—"The Popular Sovereignty Candidate." There is no mistake about this.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY. A new county has been organized upon the Lake shore, by taking portions of Ottawa and Oceana counties...

FREE TRADE IN LIQUOR. As has been well observed, the party in power in this State are determined to have free trade in every article of drink.

THE NEW CAPITAL—A License Law, &c. Correspondence of The Detroit Free Press. Lansing, Feb. 5.

THE MILITARY BILL. The cry of "fuss and feathers," "brass buttons" and "military aristocracy," has proven successful, and our State is now offered a defeat of their pet appropriation bill...

THE SENATOR-Douglas. Mr. Douglas is unreservedly expressing his determination to stand firmly in line with the Democratic party.

A BILL for the Preservation of Wildfowl. Among other important measures before the Legislature, is the following bill, introduced by Mr. BENEDICT, of Detroit.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. BARNARD HOUSE, BY W. R. BARNARD, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. Charges on reasonable as may have in the city.

CHANCERY SALE. State of Michigan, In the County of Kent, in Chancery: Frederick W. Newbold, complainant.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of an execution in favor of George Goughnath, Sheriff of the County of Kent, Michigan, against the heirs and assigns of the late John B. Goughnath, deceased.

SMITH & MCGONNELL'S. Merchant Tailor. CLOTHING CUT, MADE, Cleaned and Repaired.

NEW ARRIVAL OF Dry Goods, GROCERIES, and Crockery, at SMITH & MCGONNELL'S.

DANIEL BALL & CO., GENERAL BANKERS. EXCHANGE BROKERS.

SEAWEED & BRISLIN, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries, Glass, China, Stone and Earthen Ware, &c., &c.

Very Low Prices. Store in Loan's Block, Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

COOKERY! A large assortment at SEAW & BRISLIN'S.

ROOTS AND HERBS! Of every description, at SEAW & BRISLIN'S.

SUGARS! Selling at low prices, at SEAW & BRISLIN'S.

TOBACCO AND SEAGARS! At Pike's Peak and vicinity, flour sells at \$20 a sack; whisky is 25 cents a drink; and...

COFFEE! Choice assortment at SEAW & BRISLIN'S.

TEAS! Choice assortment at SEAW & BRISLIN'S.

SARATOGA MINERAL WATER! Agents, SEAW & BRISLIN.

FALL TRADE OF 1888. PORTERS & MATHISON. Are now receiving D.L.T. direct from the IMPORTERS.

Black and Fancy Cassimeres, Black and Colored Cloths, Silk, Satin and Cassimeres Vestings, In Great Variety.

Latest Styles of Goods FOR MEN'S WEAR. As fast as they are offered in the market, we have no one else so well equipped.

Men's Clothing, Ready Made. HARK TIMES PRICES. FOR CASH!

CUSTOM MADE TO ORDER, IN THE LATEST STYLE, AND WARRANTED TO FIT.

FOUNTAIN STREET. PORTERS & MATHISON, No. 16 Canal street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

FOUNTAIN BREWERY, COR. FOUNTAIN & RANSOM STS., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

J. H. ROBERTS, BREWER OF Pale & Amber Ales, PORTER, BROWN STOUT, BEER.

VALLEY CITY FINE ART GALLERY. NEW FIRM!

KEENEY & BATES. WOODMEN to the public that they are now prepared to take AMBROTYPES and PHOTOGRAPHS.

SILVER WARE. Napkin Rings, Tea Spoons, Table Spoons, Forks and Cups.

For a Few Days Only! An advance above cost. All Silver Ware sold by us will be engraved free of charge.

DOUBLE FOCUS SPECTACLES! A NEW INVENTION, by which persons can see at a long distance equally as well as at short distance.

Eye Glasses, and Concave Spectacles. VANDERVOET & BEAN (SUCCESSORS TO PARKS & VANDERVOET).

GENERAL LAND AGENTS. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. Will pay cash, exchange bills, locate lands, make surveys, furnish abstracts of title, maps and plans, &c.

Maps of Ottawa, Oceana and Mason Counties, which are carefully corrected, we are prepared to correct those of these Counties on short notice.

OFFICE ON WASHINGTON ST. J. D. LAYTON, JR., Surveyor & Notary Public. VALUERS! VALUERS! WE HAVE RECEIVED a large and varied assortment of the most reliable goods, novelties and specialties, all of the highest quality and at the lowest prices.

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A Night Scene in a Young Lady's Bed Chamber.

From the St. Louis Herald (last summer, probably). Last Tuesday night, which will be remembered as one of the warmest of the season, a young lady at the "West End" was exceedingly frightened by a little circumstance that transpired about the hour of midnight. This young lady, whose beauty is only equalled by her modesty, and whose "eye's dark charm" has caused more than one waif to pale at her feet, had retired to her chamber, whither, after laying aside the greater portion of her wearing apparel, she committed herself to the tender mercies of Morpheus, whose soothing wings were aided by the gentle breaths of Zephyr, who came in at the window and fanned her cheeks with his featherly wings. In short, she was sleeping peacefully, or, to use the language of a modern bard—

"Sleep on her velvet pillow, happy proved that slumber, when the window softly opened, and a faint moonbeams, and shining there stood perfume." It was, as we said, about midnight, when the young lady was aroused from her delicious slumber by hearing a noise at her window. Half undressed, she was, she was startled by the sight of a corpulent form, apparently trying to gain admittance to her chamber through the open window. It struck her at once that the intruder had been caught by the rear of his monstrous body, or by some other sharp instrument, as he seemed struggling with a stern determination to enter. Her first thought was to administer to her chambermaid the following paper; her third, to jump out of the window as soon as he jumped in; her fourth, to scream, which was subsequently carried into the effect. The whistle of the locomotive on the Iron Mountain road, when it gave its first ironed the 4th of July, was but a whisper to the screams of the young girl. The window and half the neighborhood were awakened by the outcry.

The maid, two female servants, and two big brothers rushed to the rescue, and brown-sties, sphenophanes and horsebacks flashed in the night, as the locomotive entered the room of the frightened beauty. An examination of the figure in the window dispelled the fears of all, and changed the screams of the young lady into shouts of laughter. The imaginary "fat man" was only her friend, having slipped, which she had hung near the window, and which the wind had blown into and set in motion. There was no more sleeping in the house that night.

The happy termination of the adventure put the family in a good humor, that they laughed and talked till breakfast-time. Young ladies should be careful where they put their heads when they go to bed.

Why Peep! Peep! A. drinks because his physician has recommended him to take a little. B. because his doctor ordered him not to, and he hates quackery. C. takes a drop because he's dry. D. because he feels something rising in his stomach. E. because he feels a sort of sinking in his stomach. G. because he's going to see a friend off to Oregon. H. because he's got a friend just home from California. I. because it's so hot. J. because he likes to "smile."

K. because of a pain in his head. L. because of a pain in his side. M. because of a pain in his back. N. because of a pain in his chest. O. because he's got a pain all over. P. because he feels light and happy. Q. because he feels heavy and miserable. R. because he is married. S. because he is not. T. because he soon expects to be. U. because he likes to see his friends around him. V. because he's got no friends, and enjoys a glass by himself. X. because his aunt left him a legacy. Y. because his niece isn't cut him off with a shilling. Z. (We should be happy to enlighten our readers to Mr. Z.'s answer for drinking and leaving the question to him, he was found to be too drunk to answer.)

Geography and Astronomy. "John, where is Africa?" "On the map, sir." "What is what continent—the eastern or western continent?" "Well, the land of Africa is in the eastern continent, but the continent of Africa is in the western continent." "How do the Africans live?" "By drawing." "Drawing with what?" "Drawing their breath."

"Sit down, John." "Thomas, what is the equator?" "Why, it is a horizontal pole running perpendicular through the imagination of astronomers and old geographers." "What is the equator?" "William Stiggs, what do they mean by an eclipse?" "An old horse-shoe, sir." "Jack, you are a scholar; tell me, what is an eclipse?" "An eclipse is a thing as appears when the moon gets on a bust, and runs against the sun; consequently the sun blacks the moon's face." "Scholastic! looks like Thumper. Class is dismissed."

Deals in— STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS, Carpets, Boots and Shoes, Hats & Caps, &c., &c., in PERKIN'S NEW BLOCK, Monroe-st., (North side), Also agent for the sale of D. H. DELANEY'S PURE SALERATUS, a first rate article, A LARGE SUPPLY ON HAND, Saving transportation to the Buyer

At God Gals & Small Firms as can be had in this State. All are respectfully advised to examine the Stock and Prices for themselves. Having just replenished our Stock of

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Hardware, Stoves, Iron and Steel, Nails and Pipe, SHEET HARDWARE, CHAINS, ROPE, TIN-WARE, &c.

Very Cheap For Cash! Having purchased my goods at a low price. Anything the public wish to purchase, they will promptly executed at satisfactory prices.

Chair--Cabinet--Upholstery, LOOKING GLASS WARE-ROOMS!!! REMOVED TO MARBLE BLOCK, Opposite the Bronson House, Canal Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

NEW STORE, New Store. New Goods, OPPOSITE THE RATHBUN HOUSE, Monroe street, Grand Rapids.

WE would respectfully call the attention of the Public to our new stock of Fancy Goods, Books, Stationery, Musical Instruments, Perfumery, Toilets, China Ware, India Rubber Goods, Plated Ware, &c., &c., which we will sell at prices not to be met elsewhere.

SAVINGS AND EXCHANGE BANK, R. W. GILLES, Bank of Deposit, Collection and Exchange, Deals and sells Exchange, Gold and Silver, Land Warrants, &c., &c., The highest price paid for Government Money, Liberal accommodations to customers. Office: 101 N. W. 1st St. Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 16, 1858.

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DRESS GOODS, TRIMMINGS, AND All Kinds of Dry Goods, Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, &c.

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L. H. RANDALL & CO., Wholesale and Retail! TEA, SUGAR, COFFEE, GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, &c.

CALL & EXAMINE MY STOCK JOHN E. EARLE, Grand Rapids, Sept. 23, 1858.

GROCERIES! A GENERAL ASSORTMENT of the best quality, JOHN CHAP as THE CHEAPEST, Agent and Retailer of Brown Sugar & coffee.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS! Latest styles, At Greatly Reduced Prices, Selling without regard to Cost, at SMITH & MCCONNELL'S.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS! Three Doors East of National hotel, MONROE-ST., GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, FICKLED PORK and BEEF, Grain, Flour, Stucco, &c., &c., Having excellent facilities in the East, for making purchases at the best market, we can sell low, while we sell good articles.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES, Paper Dolls! Paper Furniture! Paper Soldiers! A BREVISED American of the above goods as in BARNARD'S BOOKSTORE.

INDEMNITY. HARTFORD, CONN. FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!! \$500,000 IN ONE RISK! TAKEN AT SINCLAIR'S, GENERAL FIRE MARINE, AND LIFE INSURANCE OFFICE

IN TAYLOR'S BLOCK, CANAL ST., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

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Stone China Ware! Of all kinds and descriptions, shapes and sizes. FAYOR, STANLEY & BIRD-LAMPE, CHASSARE, at all kinds.

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