







## Doings of the Week in and About Gladstone

News Items That Are of General Interest to Our Local Readers.

"Hard-headed solons can conceive of no adequate reason for the commonwealth indulging in the well-nigh useless expense of several hundred thousand dollars in furthering a theory not founded on any need whatever. The fundamental law of the commonwealth may not be absolutely perfect. Its modification from time to time in specific particulars may be desirable. Alterations have been made in the past. They can, if demanded, be made in the future; but what reason can there possibly be for a sweeping revision of the whole document? None. Almost endless confusion in the vast volume of existing statute law would be caused by a universal revision. Countless questions have been well settled by law and by supreme court interpretation. An overhauling of the constitution must necessarily undo much indeed of that understanding of the law which has been gained through the many years during which the Constitution has served the purposes of the people. Let us not go to fussing with the Constitution frivolously. A constitutional convention really must seem to all conservative citizens like sheer waste—even a genuine calamity. Legislators will make no mistake by setting their faces resolutely against the mischievous notion." The Evening Wisconsin quotes the above from the Madison Democrat, and adds: When amendments are effected a few at a time they represent the judgment of the whole people, for they are laid before the whole people for consideration, to be studied by the electors, and voted up or voted down as a majority of the electors think best. A constitutional convention, even if it introduced no dangerous experimental novelties, would not certainly retain all of the provisions of the present Constitution that are good. Its conclusions would be presented to the people in a body, to be accepted or rejected as a whole. The people as a whole cannot pass upon a multitude of problems at once. If they could there would be not only no business for constitutional conventions, but no business for legislatures.

The county convention last Friday afternoon was quite harmonious. Soren Johnson was chosen chairman, and W. J. Miller secretary. The nomination of P. R. Legg was moved by C. D. Mason, and on the first ballot received 28 votes to 14 for C. U. Woolpert. The withdrawal of John Latimer left only Eric Anderson in the field for the road commissioner'ship, and he was unanimously nominated. The honor of naming the delegates to the state convention was given Dr. W. A. Cotton, who will be a candidate for the state board of education. They are John Ole Erickson, O. B. Fuller, Peter Jensen, F. D. Davis, A. W. Norblad and G. E. Empson. At the close of the convention, Mr. Legg delivered a speech, thanking the delegates, and assuring them of his intention to keep the business of his office up to its past high efficiency.

The whist club met last Thursday at the neatly decorated home of Mrs. Ashley Jackson. The best fortune of the play was Mrs. Rosenblum's, and Mrs. Springer brought up the rear, but not without her reward. The place cards in the dining room were cupids, bearing the emblematic carnation.

Over forty Eagles came up from Escanaba Sunday to attend the funeral of Washington Lightfoot. There were nearly fifty rigs, in the line on its way to the cemetery.

G. R. Empson left Tuesday night by way of Chicago to attend the State convention at Grand Rapids Thursday. He will return from the lower peninsula next week.

A program is being rehearsed by the high school pupils for the opening of the new building soon to take place. The seats will be installed next week.

The fox hunters have nine new hounds in their pack, since Saturday. It may be stated, however, that the nine are wee ones, but they will grow.

D. T. Collins, who was long a Gladstone boy and went west some years since, is now city attorney of East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Powell's Cough Syrup and Magic Cold Cure. They are necessary this weather. Erickson & Von Tell, druggists.

M. Lewin went to Nadean Friday to look after the Hub's interests there, returning Monday.

Philip Gagner returned Saturday morning from Omaha. He will remain here.

C. E. Brown left Monday night on his business tour of the east.

Hon. David Hammel spent a large part of the week here.

Gus Roberts of Rapid River, was in town Tuesday.

Aaron Miller is in an extremely feeble condition.

On March 20 and the two days following, an art exhibition will be given for the benefit of the schools. The fund will be applied to purchase pictures for the walls of the new building, as they seem bare and it is not wished to rob the old rooms. The pictures are loaned by a firm of art dealers, being reproductions of famous paintings. The exhibition will be supplemented by a small program each afternoon and evening, given by the high school pupils. The school receives a commission also on all pictures sold through them, and a discount on all pictures donated. A similar exhibition some few years ago, obtained a number of excellent pictures for the old rooms.

Many citizens of Gladstone think that the waters of Little Bay de Noc should be closed to commercial fishing. They argue that the nets used at present destroy or drive off all the fish that otherwise would attract sportsmen to the shores of the bay in summer. If fishing were what it once was, and what it would soon become if nets be prohibited, the bay shores would soon be lined with summer resorters, and their trade would be worth to Delta county many times the gains from commercial fishing. Here is a project that our sportsmen might follow to a conclusion. A petition to the legislators might bring useful results.

Work on the coal dock is progressing fast. On Tuesday the work of demolishing the old trestles began. The urgency of the order has brought timber here already in plenty. Everything will be pushed right ahead, and the constructor confidently proposes to have the clamshells mounted in time to unload the first boat that breaks into port. The big hoists will be put together here by the local crew and a problem presents itself, as hoisting them thirty feet up to the big tracks will be quite a problem. The complete machine weighs as much as a locomotive.

John Latimer was confronted by strong adverse circumstances in his campaign for county road commissioner and his popularity in this part of the county could not overcome the handicap of opposition at the county seat and another Gladstone candidate before the convention. Still he made a strong showing before yielding to the "good of the party" and is doubtless satisfied with the outcome. He is stronger than ever with the republicans of Delta.

Commissioner Legg has "shown" the gentlemen from Missouri and other remote parts of Delta county and will continue to do the right thing by the schools of the bailiwick for another term. Mr. Legg's fine record in office stood him in good stead when the contest came. Cunning is not all there is in politics, and the public is apt to know an efficient officer when it has one.

The coal dock is nearly empty now, and as fast as cars come they will be loaded. The supply of nut coal has already been exhausted, and some citizens who lingered in buying their fuel may have smoky chimneys before there is another excursion to Maywood.

Mr. Hammel, in view of statements made regarding the value of the opera house, wishes it known that he will rent the auditorium to any responsible person for a thousand dollars a year. It is possible that a good negotiator could make somewhat better terms.

The Pittsburg & Lake Superior Iron Co. has installed in its Escanaba office the phonographic method of dictation. This eliminates the shorthand notes, and saves the clerk's time. The records can be used over and over again.

W. F. Hammel this week purchased the Andrew Erickson house, on Dakota and Eighth streets. This residence is a handsome one and well fitted, and will be an excellent bargain for anyone who wishes to purchase a home.

John Erickson is making arrangements to open a barber shop again in this city. He will be located in the opera house block.

Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, was noted in the schools by appropriate lessons and recitations.

Susanna Niemi, aged nineteen died Monday evening and was buried Thursday from the house.

FOR SALE—A gasoline engine. May be seen in running order at the shop of P. L. Burt & Co.

A large attendance from Escanaba was noted at the Lady Macabees' ball on Monday night.

Earl Barrett left Wednesday for Dunbar, Wis., where he has taken a position as sawyer.

Born, Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. William Oak, a daughter.

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C. E. Hamilton, of Rapid River, was in the city Monday.

The funeral of Washington Lightfoot was held on Sunday, under charge of the Escanaba Eyrise of Eagles, to which order he belonged. The order conducted services at the house, and escorted the body to the church, where Rev. G. C. Empson delivered the sermon. The Eagles held farther services at the cemetery. The attendance was enormous. Washington Lightfoot was born Feb. 5, 1883, at Warsaw, Ind. When he was four years old, his parents came to the town of Gladstone, just starting. He spent his youthful days in Gladstone, becoming well liked by everyone. In 1902 he left for Idaho, and took up a residence at Wallace, where he became a member of the Eagles and of the Red Men. He was a sufferer from systemic rheumatism, which in spite of treatment at the hot springs, proved fatal. His early death brought sorrow to all who had ever known him. His family are most deeply and unreservedly grateful to the order of Eagles; both to the eyrise at Wallace, who attended his last moments and cared for his body; and to the brethren here, who comforted the bereaved ones and paid the last honors to the departed. They are very thankful also to the Knights of Pythias, and to their friends and neighbors, for their words of sympathy and actions which speak more clearly than words. Such gratitude will always be remembered.

Two bills of local interest were introduced in the legislature this week. Rep. Erickson sent in a bill authorizing the Gladstone school district to borrow \$15,000. Hon. O. B. Fuller has submitted to the senate a bill making the cities and townships of Delta county individually liable for the bills contracted by it for contagious disease patients. This bill, drawn by the board of supervisors, on motion of Soren Johnson, is intended to do away with the excessive bills and extortion from the county. Each local administration must now practice economy in the treatment of such cases. Several counties have proffered similar requests.

Dr. R. S. Forsyth is gaining fame in the county seat newspapers by running his automobile through the winter. The doctor, coming from the northern climate of Gladstone, astonishes the effeminate natures of Sand Point with his disregard for Jack Frost. But Gladstone automobilists have scorned the severity of the climate, and every day you can hear their armored tires crunching Delta avenue's smooth pavement. Let Escanaba vaunt her triumphant ski club instead.

Edward Shipley was convicted at Manistique last week of killing Guy Harlowe. This is the first conviction under the Michigan law, imposing a penalty of ten years for injuring a man in the pursuit of game. Last August Shipley mistook Harlowe for a deer when the latter was wading a stream and shot him. Shipley fled, and Harlowe died from suffocation in the water. The jury recommended Shipley to the mercy of the court.

W. P. Derry was injured Sunday night by a collision with a boy's dog team which knocked him down. His legs and back were hurt and he has been confined to the house. The running of these teams on the sidewalk is a menace to pedestrians and should be severely prohibited. They are harder to dodge than bicycles.

The commercial fishermen of Delta county have formed an organization for mutual protection. They will act in a body in presenting a request to the state legislature for more reasonable fishing laws. There are a large number of them in the county, and their labor brings annually a good many thousand dollars here.

John Hancock had some excitement at his home in Manistique last week. The servant kindled the fire with kerosene, and John promptly organized a volunteer department of one and extinguished the blaze; not before the dining room and kitchen were badly scorched. The department did not wet its hose.

The proposed conference of upper peninsula sportsmen to decide on changes to be made in the game laws, has aroused a storm of communications in the press, showing that the devotees of rod and gun are far from agreed as to what restrictions would be best for others.

16 inch Hemlock wood, full cord \$2.75, 16 inch Maple and Birch mill wood \$1.75 per single cord, \$5.00 per full cord delivered to any part of the City. Call up C. W. Davis, phone 7.

The trains have been much delayed by weather and other unpleasant contingencies this week. Last night's train usually gets in this morning.

The carnival period was ushered out by a pleasant dance at Fraternity Hall Tuesday evening, which lasted almost until Lent.

The clerks' union is making an effort to increase its membership. It plans to admit a large number of Rapid River clerks.

Sheriff Aronson was in the city Wednesday to attend personally to some official business for the county.

Miss Nellie Valind has returned to her home in Escanaba, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Burt.

A. P. Smith was in Gladstone Thursday afternoon for a few hours, and paid this office a call.

The laws against making cigars without paying the government tax are strict, and so accurately does the government keep a check on the tobaccoists that moonshining is easy in comparison. No tobacco can be sold by the grower except to a licensed dealer, who must report his purchase. From that time until the finished goods are stamped and the package sold to the retailer, that tobacco must be accounted for. Every sale is doubly reported, and the manufacturer must account for all waste and shrinkage. A close espionage is kept on all concerned, and the loss of a single green stamp will make serious trouble. There would be no possibility of making any large sum by cheating Uncle Sam in this manner. The only way a man could use tobacco without paying tax, is to raise and prepare it himself, as one prominent citizen of this town did many years ago. When Clayton Voorhis was a Wisconsin farmer, his hired man was an ex-cigarmaker. They raised tobacco on the farm for their own use, and on rainy days made a stock of cigars, which were quite a consolation for rural existence. Mr. Voorhis has since sold many a box of cigars—but the green stamp was on every one.

The Carnation club were the guests on Tuesday of Mrs. J. Murdoch, who, although not a member, entertained them with striking success. Prizes fell to Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Jackson. The club met Thursday night with Mrs. M. J. Magoon. The decorations were in the shape of hearts, to commemorate St. Valentine. The prizes were the trophies of Mrs. Rosenblum and Mrs. Henke. The final entertainment of the club will be a feature of the post-Lenten season.

Mrs. J. C. Smith on Wednesday entertained a party of ladies. A guessing contest was the feature of the afternoon, and it was found that Mrs. Springer was the most expert on berries, fruit, and music, having answered correctly forty-one of fifty questions.

St. Valentine's day was duly observed this year. The ancient jests were all sprung upon the hapless recipient of combs, and cupid sent his lace-coated messengers, as usual. The postal clerks are just as pleased, however, that the day comes but once a year.

The Delta avenue paving committee met Tuesday night, and after discussing various pavements, adjourned for a week. Tar macadam seems a favorite, and estimates will be procured. It is hoped to have a large audience next Tuesday.

Two new operators are learning to operate the telephone switch-board, so that there will be a reserve force. All telephone patrons are requested to call by number, to facilitate their work.

FOR SALE—My residence on North Ninth street will be sold very cheap, as I am leaving the city. Property in excellent condition, will sell part on time. J. N. Fox.

Miss Gagnon, night "central," leaves for St. Jacques to visit her uncle, P. Gagnon, for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. C. D. Mason and Mrs. O. L. Mertz made a trip to Escanaba Thursday, calling on Dr. Forsyth.

T. D. Springer is out again on the run, after a two weeks' siege of the unpopular illness.

W. C. Narracong, of Marquette, visited his relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Belle Heldman visited the Misses Calder here from Tuesday to Friday.

Mrs. D. McCarthy is expected to return from Escanaba Sunday night.

J. N. Fox is recovering from his annual attack of lagrippe.

The Fortnightly club met on Monday with Miss McIntyre.

Miss Dora McEwen is visiting friends in the city.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve supper on Friday, February 22, at the residence of James Hetrick. The following menu will be provided:

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Creamed Potatoes  
Jelly Rolls  
Cold Tongue  
Cabbage Salad  
Brown Bread  
Pickle  
Doughnuts  
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