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CAUCUS BRINGS OUT HOT FIGHT

3 Ballots for Treasurer—6 Candidates for Highway Commissioner—Full Ticket Nanded.

REPUBLICAN TICKET
Supervisor—James L. Hogle
Clerk—Herman Schroeder
Treasurer, L. F. Schroeder
Highway Com.—Herman Voss
Overseer Highways—C. Brossow
Justice—John H. Johnson
Justice—Fred Stemann
Board of Review—Chas. Ely
Constables—Ben Meyers, Herman Grimmer, L. C. Schroeder, John Walters.

Very few Republicans expected that everything was going off for all of the offices in a smooth and harmonious style in the caucus yesterday afternoon, and certainly none of these were disappointed, when it took three ballots to nominate a candidate for treasurer, and with six candidates in the field for Highway Commissioner.

Fred M. Warner was chosen chairman, and F. H. Nichols clerk. Lyman Bush and Chas. Ely acted as tellers.

James L. Hogle had easy sailing and was chosen for supervisor unanimously, as was Herman Schroeder for clerk.

For treasurer, the race centered between Richard Marsh and Louis Schroeder. First ballot Marsh 59, Schroeder 55, Hogle 3, Wixom 1. Second ballot, Marsh 59, Schroeder 58, Wixom 1. Final ballot, Schroeder 62, Marsh 60.

Six names were placed in nomination for Highway Commissioner, with the vote result as follows: Herman C. Voss 60, Chris Spaller 23, Perry Wixom 10, Chas. Oldenberg 10, Fred Naback 8, Herb Carey 3.

All the other nominations were made unanimously, with no opposition to anyone.

The new Township Committee will be composed of F. H. Nichols, Herman Schroeder and Richard Marsh.

PROPOSITION TO ENLARGE HALL

To be Submitted at Coming Election—A Proposition that Merits Support.

A petition bearing the names of many prominent men of the Township, representative taxpayers, has been posted this week, petitioning the Town board that the matter of repairs and enlargement to the present Town Hall be submitted at the regular election on Monday, April 5th, and the matter will be voted upon on that date.

This is a matter of vital interest to every taxpayer in the Township and when the very small costs considered, one that no taxpayer can afford to vote against.

The petition asks that the necessary money be raised by taxation of seven and one-half cents on the hundred dollar valuation in both 1915 and 1916. On the basis of the last tax roll, which gave a valuation of about \$2,000,000 at this rate a total of about \$3,000 would be raised.

The local Masonic organization who own the upper half of the building, will build the addition jointly with the Township, at their own expense.

On the basis of seven and one-half cents for each hundred dollars valuation for two years, the total cost to the individual taxpayer would be very small. If you own property valued at \$1,000, the addition would cost you 75c in 1915 and 75c in 1916—a total of \$1.50. Property above or under that valuation will pay in the same proportion.

The matter of an addition (which is badly needed), has been talked of before, The Enterprise taking it upon itself to announce that we believed that it would be a mighty good thing, in an issue of a few weeks ago. We still believe so, and if our support and vote count in the final answer, the work on the addition will soon be under way.

IS NORTHVILLE TO BE DRY TOWN

Question Remains Decidedly Unsettled After Special Meeting of New Council.

The first meeting of the new Northville village council was called last night, and from the reports that have drifted over this way this morning, the wet and dry question remains very unsettled, with the dry members of the council in the minority. The meeting was an especially called one, and the full council and president were present, as was about all of the population of the village that could crowd into the hall.

Two ordinances were proposed, one said to be a very lenient dry one, that would probably do away with liquor sales by drug stores and do away with the saloons entirely, but would not interfere with beer wagons, or similar means of liquor distribution and consumption.

The other, one of the most stringent wet ordinances that has ever been drafted in the state, and one that would regulate liquor sales to the minutest degree, and providing the most drastic penalties.

It is said that Councilman Chas. Filkins admitted that the so called wet side had sufficient votes to control, and that Councilman McLean admitted that if the saloons were going to continue in operation the wet ordinance read was as stringent as could be desired, or words to that effect. Both of the two councilmen named are holdovers, and presumed to be in favor of saloon abolishment.

If one can believe the report of the meeting, it seems safe to presume that Northville will remain in the wet column.

The ordinance could not be acted upon at the special meeting, that being contrary to law, but one or the other of the two presented will be acted upon at the regular meeting about April 6th.

Mark Owen came home from Ann Arbor Sunday and spent the day with home folks.

AS FARMINGTON WAS IN '88

Excerpts from the First Issue of The Farmington Enterprise Dated November 2, 1888.

Through the courtesy of Fred L. Cook, the Enterprise is this week reproducing some of the things that happened and were chronicled in the very first edition of the Farmington Enterprise ever issued and dated Friday, November 2, 1888.

Mr. Cook had the distinction of "inking the Army" press, (which is still in the office but long since discarded), upon which the first edition was printed. He thoughtfully saved a copy of the paper, and across the top of the paper has written, "This is the first paper printed in Farmington. It was printed on November 2nd, 1888 by E. R. Bloomer whom I helped print the first papers printed in Farmington. F. L. Cook".

The items that are listed below are taken from this same that has been carefully preserved by Mr. Cook for nearly 27 years, and they will revive some pleasant memories of persons and occurrences of by-gone years.

Next week or the week following we will endeavor to give some items from a special edition issued October 19, 1894, and the week following, another edition celebrating the 10th anniversary of the paper, which has been loaned to us by Ben Meyers.

Page One is devoted exclusively to Farmington. Pages two and three were supplied ready print. Page four the Novi Herald.

E. R. Bloomer issued formal announcement of the establishment of The Enterprise; and in closing said: "We will seek to make this paper a permanent journal of progress and trusting that The Enterprise will be appreciated by the people and our issue will grow in size, circulation, character and influence from this day forth, its initial number is herewith presented."

Rev. F. D. Ling was pastor of the M. E. church.

Rev. J. S. Boyden conducted services at the Baptist church each afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Dr. E. P. Waid maintained offices over Grace's store.

There was no railroad at that time, and travelers usually purchased their tickets of F. R. Quigley, agent at Novi.

S. J. Harwood was located in the Grace block and advertised hair cutting in an artistic manner. J. B. Webster was engaged in making harness.

Hatten's Shop advertised Lansing wagons and also handled Wolcott Wind Mills.

L. R. Webster of Novi was selling hand made single harness for \$12.00.

J. M. Moore operated a general store.

Miss H. A. Nelson was announced as dealer in Fancy Goods, zephyrs, yarns and notions, and gloves and mittens made to order.

E. C. Grace advertised a mammoth stock of dry goods and groceries, and butter and eggs were taken in exchange.

G. A. Perry's was the place to go for all kinds of furniture.

James L. Hogle carried a full line of drugs, paints, etc., and was a registered druggist located on Main street.

Miss R. Blanchard's millinery parlors announced a fine stock of French Pattern Hats and also rope silk embroidery. Late styles doubtless attracted Farmington ladies as much then as today.

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If you want to vote "WET"

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INSTRUCTION BALLOT-MARK AS SHOWN

Shall the Manufacture of Liquors and the Liquor Traffic be Prohibited within the County YES ☐

Shall the Manufacture of Liquors and the Liquor Traffic be Prohibited within the County NO ☒

If you place a cross after the word "Yes" you vote for DRY
If you place a cross after the word "NO" you have voted WET