

When The Enterprise Was Ten Years Old

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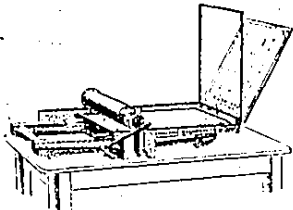
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Of ourselves we care to say but little, and if it were not for the fact that this anniversary number will be read by many new readers, we should say less, as the Enterprise has become a household word in almost every home in this and adjoining townships. Today it circulates in twenty-two states and a copy goes into almost every county in the state of Michigan.

Starting as we did in a small way, our plant has grown until today it is second to none in the county outside of Pontiac, the county seat. Ten years ago today the present editor issued the first copy of the Enterprise in the old Stevens building, printed on an Army press, one five column page



First Press used in the ENTERPRISE Office in 1888.

at a time, and 200 copies an hour. The office was equipped with a few fonts of job type and about 100 pounds of body type; the office furniture consisted of two chairs; a second hand stove and a dry goods box for a desk; the editor was the "whole thing" in the office from office boy up. As business improved new material was added to the office, and in two years we built a small building of our own and ceased paying rent. Early in the spring of 1897 a site more centrally located was purchased, the building moved and enlarged for more and improved machinery, and today this paper is printed on a fine drum cylinder job and news press run by a gasoline engine at a speed of 1200 to 2500 per hour. The office has many labor saving devices, mailing machine, paper cutter, type cabinets, etc., and the editor's private office is furnished with a handsome roll top desk, telephone and other things to aid in gathering the news. These things have not come, how-



A Corner in the ENTERPRISE Office
 This picture appeared in the Enterprise Nov. 4, 1898.

ever, without work, and hard work too, but we have worked with the one end in view, to give the people of Farmington a local paper they could be proud of, and we believe in a large measure our hopes have been realized.

We have labored for the success of our town, advocating what we believed to be for the best interest of the whole people, and we take great pride in the many improvements our town shows today. To all who have in any way assisted in making this paper what it is today we extend our heartfelt gratitude on this our tenth anniversary. Reader if you are not already a subscriber we ask you to become one, believing we can give you value received.

No surprise was felt in Washington at the semi-official announcement that the U. S. would demand all of the Philippine Islands. It has been felt from the first that such would be the ultimate result. Politics has had little or nothing to do with the decision of the administration to adopt this policy. It is public opinion, regardless of politics, that has brought it about. When President McKinley started upon that Western trip, neither he nor any member of his Cabinet had made up their minds that we should take the Philippines, and at least one of them, Secretary Gage, was opposed to our taking any of the islands; but when they returned to Washington, they had all about made up their minds that public opinion was so strongly in favor of American ownership of the entire Philippine group, as the only logical crowning of Dewey's great vic-

tory in Manila Bay, that no other policy would do. What they heard later, at Philadelphia, clinched that opinion, and our Peace Commissioners at Paris were accordingly instructed to make that demand. So much for the adoption of the policy.

The board of supervisors adopted the report of the committee on the equalization of taxes for Oak-

land county. The total assessed valuation of the real estate of the county is \$19,470,620 and of the personal property, \$2,859,854, making the entire valuation of the county, \$22,329,474. The committee added to the valuation as assessed in only three instances. The city of Pontiac was raised \$50,000, township of Milford \$5,000 and township of Rose \$10,000. The assessed valuation of the townships of Commerce, Farmington, Groveland, Independence, Lyon, Novi, Oakland, Orion, Oxford, Southfield and White Lake were all reduced, the amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

TOWN TALK

THE ENTERPRISE GREETING

To those who chance to read me,
 And to every loyal friend,
 A birthday greeting fond and true
 To each and all I send.
 Ten years ago today, dear friend,
 I came a stranger new;
 With kindly welcome you bid me come
 And make my home with you.
 But I was not a quiet child,
 Within your peaceful home;
 For other ones enticed me hence,
 And so I learned to roam.
 And now my homes are many,
 They are increasing too;
 In fact, to reach them every one
 I must travel the U. S. through.
 And may I always be your friend,
 Be you near or far away;
 The best of wishes to you, I send
 On this my tenth birthday.

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 The above poem was written for the Tenth Anniversary Edition by Sarah Thomas Conroy, in 1898.

IT NEEDS NO COMMENT.

Oakland County Expenses.

Comparative Records of Democratic and Republican Sheriffs.

The Last Ten Years of Democratic Rule in the Sheriff's Office, Which Includes the Last Two Years of Sheriff Lewis' Term, the Two Years of Sheriff Voorheis and the Two Years of Sheriff Kellem, as Compared with the Last Ten Years of Republican Rule, which includes the Two Years of Sheriff Mathews, the Four Years of Sheriff Bloomburg, and the Four Years of Sheriff Judd.

The records of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for Oakland county show that there was allowed the above-named Democratic Sheriffs for said terms the sum of \$70,401.34, and to the Republican Sheriffs for the same time, less the last three months of the present year the sum of \$43,172.23.

Average per year under Democratic rule.....	\$7,040.00
Average per year under Republican rule.....	4,317.00

Voters, think of this. Tax payers, you are the ones who foot the bills. A saving of nearly \$3,000 per year means something to the county and means something to you.
 Richard D. Belt, the Republican nominee for Sheriff, is familiar with the duties of this office, and if elected, will make a good, conservative officer. Vote for him.