

NEW BANK

Paw Paw has a new banking house known as John W. Free and Co. Bankers, and the new institution is in the Longwell block, just north of the Paw Paw Savings Bank. J.W. Free, for many years connected with the Paw Paw Savings Bank as one of its founders and later as a cashier and president, has withdrawn from that institution and with others organized a company known as John W. Free and Co. Bankers...

Mr. Free is one of our staunch citizens and for practically his entire lifetime has been identified with our business interests. Associated with him as cashier will be Mr. Frank Stapleton of Decatur, well known to our people and whom we welcome to Paw Paw. The new banking house is furnished and well equipped for business.

COMMUNITY SEWING CLUB

The Community Sewing Club, an organization of ladies of Paw Paw and vicinity, will meet this Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Cyrus Loveland, Berrien Street, to sew for the needy children of town, and all ladies are cordially invited to attend. Anyone having garments that can be made over for children are requested to bring them as there is great need and much suffering in town and these garments when repaired will be most acceptable.

WORST WINTER STORM IN FIFTY YEARS PUTS PAW PAW TEMPORARILY OFF THE MAP

On Friday evening in the rotunda of the post office, a group of Paw Paw citizens waited for the evening mail, and one of them, with poetic fervor and longing in his soul, recited the beautiful ballad: "Snow, snow, beautiful snow."

On Saturday evening, the same group was there (minus the poet) with longing in their souls for the life of the poet, as Paw Paw was in the grip of the worst storm in the history of the town.

Starting Friday evening, the snow fell steadily until it had reached a depth of about eighteen inches on the level before it stopped Monday morning. To add to the discomfort, the wind found that it had business in Paw Paw and got on the job about three o'clock Saturday morning. And it was wind, too, wind with a capital "W". It was strong enough to "blow the hair off the dog" and would have done so, only the dog showed the sense to stay home under the stove.

Saturday, a regular blizzard raged and the streets were deserted, save only now and then when an excited citizen battled the wind and snow on his way to the plumbers. Seeing a chance to let the inhabitants know it was winter, the mercury in the thermometer fell steadily toward the bottom of the tube. Just how cold it was depended entirely upon whether the particular thermometer advertised cigars or Grape Nuts, but it was cold enough.

The office boy of The Courier reported 22-below at seven-thirty a.m. and the typesetting machine artist reported 24-

BANK ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the directors of the Paw Paw Savings Bank held last week, the following men were elected as directors: Messrs. Glenn E. Warner, David Anderson, Charles Morrison, Thomas Woodman, and Reuben Allen. Glenn E. Warner was elected president and Judge Anderson, vice-president.

Max Benton has purchased the plumbing and tinsmith business of Harry J. Dunbar and took possession January 1st and will be found at the old stand ready for business. Mr. Benton has been in the employ of C. F. Snow for many years and needs no introduction to our people. He is thoroughly reliable and a careful workman, understanding his business as many here who have engaged him to care for their wants in the plumbing and heating line will testify...

We regret that Mr. Dunbar will move away from Paw Paw in the spring, and engage in his business in another place but he has had many contracts in larger towns and cities during the past year that he feels a change is almost necessary. Mrs. Dunbar has been a very able assistant to her husband during the years for his business here, attending to the office and clerical part of the business with care and ability. We wish them abundant prosperity wherever that may decide to locate.

below at 5:30 (we don't think he was even awake at that hour) and 12-below at noon.

The stores closed at six o'clock on Saturday evening and their proprietors faced the northeaster home rather than wait for customers who did not come. No picture show, no papers, no anything except storm was on the menu Saturday night.

Sunday morning opened with the same - only more so. No mail, no trains, nothing but storm.

The snow stopped on Sunday night but the high wind did not die down until Monday night.

Tuesday, late papers (last Friday night's) and some mail was brought from Lawton, and at the time we go to press, that is the only way Paw Paw is getting its reading matter, although the railroad hopes to get a train down late this (Wednesday) evening. The train accompanied by a shovel brigade went as far as Mattawan Tuesday and everybody was glad to quit when the whistle blew.

To make matters worse, there is a scarcity of coal, and wood is in great demand, but the farmers are unable to get to town to deliver any.

Passing over statements about snow so deep that it was over the shoulders of a man on horseback, and cold at Almena so intense that the mercury broke the bottom of the tube, one and all agree on one point - that it was "some storm!"

Another of the same kind is prophesied for the last of the week, but Paw Paw will be perfectly satisfied if it misses us; we have had a plenty for this year.

MR. KAYE RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the School Board held the first of the week, Supt. Kaye was re-elected as superintendent of our local schools for a term of two years. We feel sure that this action of the board will meet the hearty approval of the patrons for Mr. Kaye has proven that he is the right man in the right place. Many new features have been introduced into the school through his instrumentalities, and they are working out in a splendid manner and we feel that the school district is to be congratulated upon being able to secure Mr. Kaye's services for the coming two years.

"OVER THE TOP"

The annual Red Cross drive was made in Van Buren County last Saturday and Paw Paw and vicinity responded splendidly, over \$750.00 being reported to date and returns are coming in daily from various parts of the township. Of this amount there were but two gifts over the regular membership fee and many new members united, which surely speaks well for the interest people are taking in this united effort for war support. However, we have heard of some who refused to contribute and not only this, but who were not very gracious in so doing, but we know these people are in the small minority and that our citizens, generally speaking, are alive to the needs of the hour, and have said they are willing and anxious to do their part.

SUFFRAGE WINS: 274 FOR, 136 AGAINST

President's Statement of his Position in Favor of Women Voting Wins the Day

SUSAN B. ANTHONY AMENDMENT

Article I - Sec. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

President Woodrow Wilson has made possible full suffrage for the women of the United States.

The House of Representatives last Thursday voted 274 to 136 in favor of the constitutional amendment that forbids any abridgment of the right to suffrage on account of sex. The Senate will vote in a week or so.

The vote in the House was just over the necessary two-thirds. If it had not been for the President's statement of his position in favor of the women voting, they would have lost by about 30 votes.

In direct response to the President's intervention, suffrage got votes in Texas, Tennessee, Maryland, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kentucky. Had he remained silent, there would not have been a vote women's rights from one of these states.

Not only did the constitutional amendment carry in the House, but it will remain before the States until it is adopted into the law of the land, whether it takes one year or one hundred. In a late rally to save something, the antis tried to get through an amendment limiting the life of the constitutional enactment

to seven years. That is, they wanted to have the same sort of limitation as in the prohibition amendment, which, if not ratified by the necessary three-fourths of the states within seven years, dies. The limitation was voted down.

The Michigan representatives voted as follows: FOR - Smith, Hamilton, Mapes, Kelley, Cramton, Fordney, McLaughlin, Currie, Scott, James, Nicols, and Beakes; AGAINST - Doremus.

Two sick men were responsible for the women winning, Mann and Sims, who voted when they really should have been in the hospital. Without these two, the vote for the measure would have been only 272, which is less than the required two-thirds. Speaker Clark had announced that in the event of a tie, he would cast the deciding vote in favor of the amendment.

Twelve states have granted suffrage to women. They are: Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Kansas, and New York.

Six states have part suffrage: Illinois, North Dakota, Arkansas, Nebraska, Michigan, and Rhode Island.

Ten states have passed suffrage amendment referendums: Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

THE NEW BANK

Saving is entirely a matter of Habit. The Income has little to do with the principle of Thrift. Any person with the Saving Habit will accumulate a Surplus. Without this Habit, the person would dissipate a Fortune. The Saving Habit is soon acquired

Small Savings	Larger Sums	Your Money
The Small Change—those stray pennies, nickles and dimes—if left to itself has a way of disappearing. Make a practice of saving it, and the bits of odd change soon make a Dollar. With a Dollar as a beginning, systematic saving soon adds other dollars, and your Savings will begin to work for you, in	When you sell a cow, a hog, or a bunch of chickens—when you receive a sum of money from any source—twenty, thirty, to a hundred dollars—Ever notice how it melts away if you keep it on hand? It will Increase instead of Diminish, if, as soon as you receive it, you deposit it with us, and take an interest-bearing	When saved and deposited, is put to work for you. Loaned out at interest, it buys new farm tools, erects new buildings, or it enables the merchant to carry a larger stock of goods, discount his bills, thus reducing the cost of selling. Thus, your Savings Account works for you, helps the Farmer and the Merchant and
A Savings Account	Savings Certificate	Builds Business

The New Bank serves the Community in two ways. It provides a Secure and Convenient Depository for the Savings, large and small, of the district. And it Facilitates Trade, Encourages Improvements and Upbuilds Enterprise in Town and Country, by placing additional money at the disposal of Farmer and Merchant. The New Bank is the Culmination of Thirty Years of Successful Banking Experience. This Service and this Experience is at your command. Come in and talk it over.

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