

Charter Election.

The Election of Officers under our Village Charter, came off yesterday, March 19th. No unusual excitement seemed to disturb the occasion, though a little interest was manifested on the part of an impromptu "Independent Temperance" ticket, but failed to have any material weight upon the regular nomination. All seemed to have a good time, the defeated as well as the successful ones. Below we give the names of the officers elected:

For President,—

DANIEL JOHNSON.

For Trustees,—

ISAAC M. BENNETT,

LOTRUP YORK,

ELIJAH ROBINSON.

HENRY C. MILLSPAUGH

For Treasurer,—

NELSON WINSTON.

For Clerk,—

DAVID L. MILLS.

March 20, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Oregon Village

This little suburban village of about 700 inhabitants, is situated in the town by the same name, in Dane county on the Madison branch of the Northwestern Railroad, about 12 miles from Madison and 38 from Beloit. Mr. I.M. Bennett now of Evansville, was one of the first settlers--having come here when scarcely 21 years of age, or about the year 1845, from New York state.

At this time but here and there a comfortable house existed on the long stretch of road between Madison and Janesville. Few farmers had anything but a log shanty to live in and a string of brush fence to mark the line where now cultivated farms exist and where neat frame houses mark the abode of the well-to-do farmer.

A small frame house had been erected a few years before which Mr. Bennett purchased and occupied it both as a hotel and store--keeping a few nick nacks such as the early settlers could not get along without.

In 1849 Mr. Bennett built and occupied the first store under the style of Winston, Bennett & Co., Wm. Dudley, Esq., now of Madison forming the financial partner.

In 1850, Mr. Bennett built the hotel what is now the Oregon exchange, and was, for some years, not only the popular landlord, but merchant. Together they consumed about as much dignity as a young man could well enjoy in those days.

Quite a number of years have stretched away and we find Oregon a thriving enterprising town with such men as Messrs. Tipple & Johnson, J. M. Scovill, C. M. Howe & Brother, doing a good business in the dry goods and general merchandise line, H. Schwartz, ready made clothing, Eli Booth, manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes, C. Postle, confectioner, Cole and Gardiner are each in the tin and sheet iron business, C. Postle is proprietor of the "Exchange" and Nott & Vreland do the agreeable at the "Oregon" House, near the depot.

Perhaps no man has done more to make Oregon what it enjoys today, than Wm. S. Bedford. He has been identified with almost every interest that has had for its tendency the growth and prosperity of the place. He came here upon the departure of Mr. Bennett--a rival successor--and immediately engaged in an extensive mercantile business, his confidence being richly shared by the community as every improvement marked the line of his enterprise. He is now engaged in the lumber trade with sales of a million feet annually.

Mr. Howe, in connection with general merchandise, keeps a plentiful supply of drugs and medicines and dispenses them with true medical skill, while his most excellent wife does excellent service in the millinery business.

Evansville Citizen, September 18, 1867, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Rock Co. Wisconsin

NEW GOODS.—For a few days past our merchants and dealers have been receiving large invoices of new goods. In expectation of a plentiful harvest, which is now being realized, they made liberal purchases, and as the fruits of the fields are crowding our marts, anxious purchasers crowd our stores from the country around.

We instinctively grasped our pen some days since to make a note of the Fall purchases of Messrs. Winston & Bennett, to say nothing of other dealers; but while we essayed, those enormous piles of domestics and heavy woolen goods for winter wear, not to mention their long range of counters filled with prints of every hue and grade, and those in the more fashionable line of ladies wear, had nearly vanished from view, by the crowd of waiting customers that daily throng their store.

So rapid have been their sales that new orders had to be made on Chicago and New York to supply the present demands.

Our other merchants appear to be doing equally as well only have not the advantage of so large and general a stock.

September 25, 1867, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last a little boy, son of I. M. Bennett, Esq., met with a most singular and painful accident. He, in company with several other boys, were playing ball. The ball had been knocked high into the air and was being closely watched by Mr. Bennett's boy, to catch it in its descent, unperceived by another boy who was watching it for the same purpose, until they came into violent collision, striking with such force as to cut the lip of young Willie from the mouth to the nose clear through to his teeth. The wound was sewed up by Dr. Evans and is now fast healing, but very sore.

March 25, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Grant and Colfax Club.

The Republicans of Evansville met in the office of Jacob West, Esq., last Saturday night, and organized a Grant and Colfax Club, by electing Daniel Rowley, Chairman, and I. A. Hoxie, Secretary. Mr. Bennett moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on permanent organization. Chair appointed Messrs. Bennett, Johnson and Sprague, who reported I. M. Bennett, President; D. M. Rowley, Vice President; D. L. Mills, Secretary. An executive committee were elected, consisting of Messrs. Daniel Johnson, E. R. Sprague, E. W. Stearns, and G. S. Plaisted.

It was voted that the Club hold its meetings weekly, viz: on Saturday evening, at the office of Jacob West, Esq.

Voted that the President, Vice President, and Secretary, be a co-operative committee to assist in carrying out the objects of the Club.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare by-laws, and report the same next evening. Chair appointed Daniel Johnson, D. L. Mills, and D. M. Rowley. Adjourned.

I. A. HOXIE, D. M. ROWLEY,
Secretary. Chairman.

September 16, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sales of Real Estate. The following are the sales of real estate for the week ending Sept. 4, 1869: Evansville – I. M. Bennett to A. Stubbs '69, lot, \$50.

September 4, 1869, Janesville Gazette, p. 4, col. 2, Janesville, Wisconsin

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT!

**WINSTON &
BENNETT**

are in the field again; and are now receiving their
new styles of

Spring & Summer

DRY GOODS,

DRESS GOODS,

Ready-made Clothing

AND

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

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ALSO,

Groceries

Crockery Ware,

Hats, Caps, &c.

Geo. H. Palmer

will continue charge of our

Tailoring Department,

And we are able to make to order Gentlemen's
first class Clothing and warrant to fit.

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IN OUR

Millinery Department

Will be found a well selected stock at low price.

We intend to sell goods so cheap that there will
be no necessity to go abroad to trade.

I. M. BENNETT, NELSON WINSTON.
Evansville, April, 13, 1870.

Agents are wanted in every county.

New Organization!!
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF EVANSVILLE

L. T. PULLEN I. M. BENNETT
President, *Cashier.*

Hold On to your Money!!

Until you have been to WINSTON & BENNETT'S and examined the finest stock of foreign and domestic cloths ever brought into Evansville, from which

G. H. PALMER

is manufacturing to order GENTS' and YOUTH'S clothing in the latest style, and at prices that ought to satisfy any reasonable person.

Particular Attention paid to Cutting

all kinds of garments for Gentlemen and Boy's wear, and all damages in consequence of bad cutting will be promptly made good having.

FIRST-CLASS WORKMEN

to attend to the sewing department. I shall devote my entire attention to cutting at the

Following Prices:

Sack Coats	\$0 50	Poor people who are unable to pay, can have their cutting done free of charge.
Frock "75	
Overcoats.....	.75	
Pants & vests, each	.25	

We are now

MAKING TO ORDER

Business Coats of genteel form,
To keep you dry and keep you warm;
Fine dress coats, likewise vests,
With single and with double breasts.

Walking coats and splendid sacks,
For straight and also crooked backs;
Pantaloons and drawers neat,
That in this city can't be beat.

And every thing in clothing line,
That will their charming powers combine
To cloths in style from head to toe,
From superb goods at prices low.

Come old and young, come great and small,
Come straight and crooked, short and tall;
Come all the world and bring your dimes,
We'll sell you goods to suit the times.

G. H. PALMER.

Evansville, Oct. 1870.

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November 2, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 4, co. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. Bennett's two sons, Jay and Willie, start this morning to begin life for themselves, away in the Rocky Mountain regions. They take a full car load of horses and such articles as adventurers might require. They start full of pluck.

—The Great and Willson Club

September 11, 1872, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. I. M. Bennett, who has been in Cincinnati a number of days superintending the sale of an invoice of tobacco, returned Monday.

October 23, 1872, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. I. M. Bennett, who has been spending most of the season in Colorado, returned Thursday morning last. He owns a ranch among the mountains which he has been stocking with sheep. He returns with hands hardened with toil, and calls himself a fit subject for a granger.

September 23, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Isaac Bennett sold out to Winston & Sons.

September 26, 1876 ad, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

<p>LES Lakes. es, NS mptly. ERS. etf.</p>	<p>ure for the opportunity of the perusal of sections o so excellent a publication. —Mr. I. M. Bennett left for Colorado Saturday morning last. He goes west to see to his mountain ranch, and attend to marketing the products of his herds and fields. He expects to be absent some four or five weeks. Mrs. Bennett, and their daughter Annie, have been there for several months, indeed, nearly the whole winter, and are expected to return at the same time. Mr. Bennett having had the estate of the late C. W. Hines to attend to, and with his own affairs, has kept him pretty busy, and had to leave on Saturday morning to make the best use of his time.</p>	<p>Just American received. sas, by H year. It reading, It contai Office, N ant Stor covering ers from sally gi Since</p>
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June 12, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col.

Mrs. Duane Bennett, *nee* Miss Della Prentice, has seemed to have more than a usual share of hard luck. Being herself almost an invalid from a sprained ankle, she married and went immediately to Colorado; leaving home and friends. Her first child, after being a few months old, sickened with a fever and barely escaped death; herself all this time, lingering between "hope and despair." She was attended for several months by her own mother and that of her husband's. Recently Mr I. M. Bennett went out to attend to his affairs, and bring his son's wife and the women home. A few hours east of Omaha the helpless infant died, but was brought through on the journey, and arrived here early Friday morning last. The child was buried Saturday, Mrs. Bennett is gaining in health; but will remain at home during most of the summer.

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July 10, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. I. M. Bennett returned at an early hour Saturday morning last, from an almost 7-months visit to Ft. Collins, Colorado. She went there at that time to make "the boys" a visit, and for the health of her daughter, Annie, afterwards a son's wife became sick and her visit was prolonged for that sake. Mrs. Bennett's prolonged absence has almost made her a stranger among us; but all welcome her return.

July 10, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

SAD.

At a late hour Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mr. I. M. Bennett received a telegram from Colorado that his eldest son was dying, and demanded the presence of his (son's) wife, at once. Accordingly a hasty preparation was made, and an early start was taken Thursday morning. Mr. Bennett accompanied his daughter-in-law as far as Chicago, and there left her to perform her sad, toilsome journey alone, half way to the Pacific. But as she had several times passed over the road, did not feel particularly timid about the journey.

She arrived at Ft. Collins in due time, and there met her husband's brothers, and learned the sad fact that her husband had died just a few hours before her arrival.

This last intelligence was received by Mr. Bennett early Sunday morning by a brief telegram, and all further is blind conjecture. It is expected however, that the remains will be brought here, and probably arrive to-day or to-morrow.

December 18, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

1880 Census, Agricultural Schedules:

I. M. Bennett, 400 acres, 8 milk cows, 1,800 gal. of milk and 300 lbs butter produced in year previous. 51 other cows; 600 sheep and 200 lambs dropped, purchased 800, sold 220; 600 fleeces = 3,000 lbs wool; 17 swine; 40 acres corn; 40 acres oats = 2,200 bushels.

I. M. Bennett, Esq., has purchased the residence of Mrs. Firth, on First Street, near the Congregational church. We did not learn the consideration. July 21, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Winston and Bennett have sold their Searles farm to Gilman Searles for \$8,000 including some stock and utensils. They have also sold their Gillett place to Mr. Babcock, and Geo Ballard, the former taking the buildings and the latter increases the acreage of his home place.

November 17, 1880, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Nelson Winston went to Chicago to buy goods for his store, then on to Washington for the inauguration of Garfield. I. M. Bennett also left later to go with him.

February 2, 1881, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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On Monday last I. M. Bennett & Sons 1
and R. W. Johnson shipped from this few
place to Ogallala, Nebraska, thirteen est
hundred head of yearling cattle, loading 1
an entire train of twenty-six cars. ter

May 5, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. I. M. Bennett writes from Chicago, that all those persons who have books belonging to her will confer a favor by leaving them at Mr. Finn's as soon as possible.

February 5, 1884, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Married, on Thursday evening, May 4, 1899, at 7:30 at the parental home of the bride, Mr. Chas. F. Bennett, of Magnolia, and Miss Martha F. Schroeder of Center. A large number of friends were present and many valuable presents were given to the couple.

May 9, 1899, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Hon. and Mrs. I. M. Bennett stopped over Sunday in this city, guests of Mrs. Nelson Winston. They were on their way to Chicago, where they will live for six months, having spent the summer at their country home at Lake Beulah. Before coming here they spent a couple of days at the home of Pres. C. R. Van Hise at Madison, and about the same length of time with Egbert Bennett at Oregon.

November 2, 1906, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Passed to His Home Beyond.

Isaac M. Bennett, a former resident of this city, died at his summer home at Lake Beulah, Monday morning, aged 84 years.

Mr. Bennett was a native of New York state and was born in Schoharie county in 1824; coming to Wisconsin in 1845, where he was engaged in teaching school at Union. The following year, in company with Nelson Winston, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Oregon. In 1861 the firm removed to Evansville where a large and lucrative business was established. In 1870 the firm with L. F. Pullen organized the First National bank of Evansville, and in which Mr. Bennett acted as cashier. For five years the bank prospered, when Mr. Bennett desired to retire from an active business life, disposed of his stock in the bank and store to his partners. For several years afterwards he devoted a large portion of his time in advising with his sons in the care and maintenance of sheep ranches in Colorado, from which he derived much pleasure and profit. In the meantime he disposed of his realty in this city and made a home in Chicago.

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I. M. Bennett was married in 1847 to Miss Elizabeth A. Kierstead, a native of New York state, who died in 1860 leaving four children. He was again married to Miss Hannah M. Pettigrew of this city, by whom he has one daughter, Mrs. Anna White of Chicago, who with her husband and two brothers from Colorado, were in attendance at the last sad rites.

The remains were brought to this city Tuesday evening, accompanied by the wife, daughter and one son Jay of Greely, Col., and services held in the Episcopal church yesterday afternoon, the Rev. A. G. Van Elden officiating. Being a Sir Knight, the Janesville Commandery acted as escort.

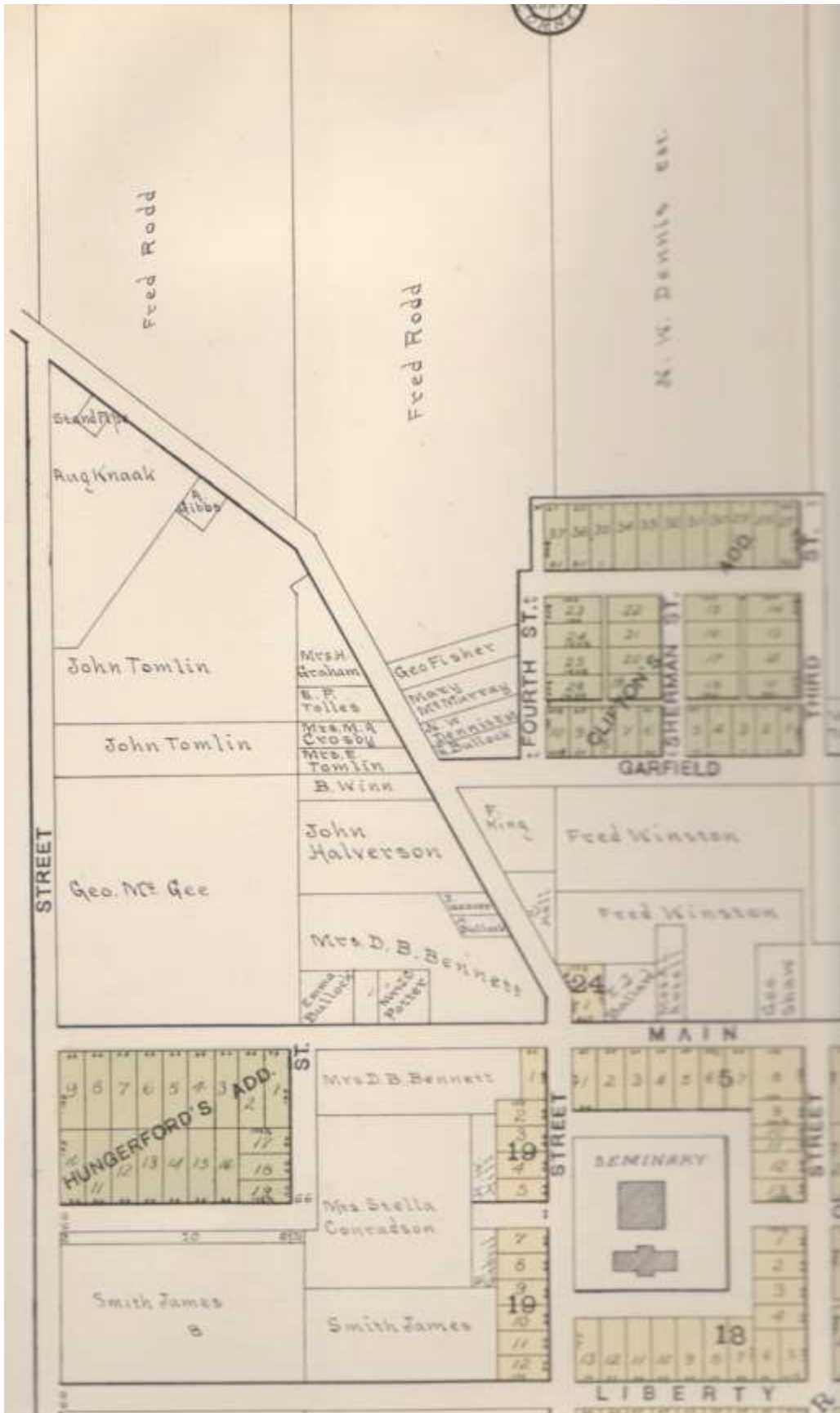
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1917, Northwest side of Evansville

LIFELONG RESIDENT CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Frank Bennett Succumbs in Home South of City After Eight Months' Illness

Mrs. Frank Bennett, 62, a lifelong resident of this locality, died at 1 p.m. Thursday in her home six miles southeast of the city in Magnolia township following an illness of eight months during which time she was confined to her bed.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bennett home with the Rev. E. L. Woodworth, pastor of the Magnolia Advent Christian church, officiating. Burial was made here in Maple Hill cemetery with John and William Rowald, Dan and Harold Howe, Francis Cook, and Donald Rowald as pallbearers.

Mrs. Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rowald, was born on a farm in Center township, southeast of Evansville, March 31, 1876 and was married to Frank Bennett at a ceremony performed Nov. 12, 1896. They had always made their home in Magnolia township where Mrs. Bennett was an active member of the Royal Neighbor lodge and had served as treasurer of the Helpers' Union Aid society for 29 years.

Besides a host of friends throughout the community, Mrs. Bennett is survived by her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Cook and Mrs. Louise Moe, both of Evansville; Mrs. D. J. Howe, Washburn, Ill.; two brothers, William Rowald, Monroe, and Gene Rowald, Magnolia; and several nieces and nephews.