

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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EHS News

The Eagle Has Landed

An eagle donated by the West Allis Historical Society has come to rest at the Eagle Historical Society museum.



It took two trips, one in a pickup truck (which was too small) and one in a U Haul truck, for Tim & Diane Thuemling to bring it home. Pat Wilton and Irma Jolliffe have been observed digging a hole for the base. Jeff Nowicki prepared and painted the huge bird. We plan to have it set on its concrete base before winter.

Election Bake Sale

The EHS board has decided to cancel the Christmas Tour of Homes this year. The tour was always a big fundraiser. Our last fundraiser for this year will be the election bake sale. There will be a large voter turnout, so please help us make this a success; start baking now and freeze the items for the November 7th sale. ♦

Curator's Corner

By Elaine Ledrowski

Volunteers are working (and are always needed) in the museum, but many other activities are going on outside of museum hours:

- Did you notice the autumn display in front of the museum? Welthy & Ed Mueller and Bill Reichoff supplied the items in the display. Additional items—Indian corn, squash, and gourds—would be appreciated.
- We are hoping to put up outside decorations for the Christmas season. Would you like to help decorate, or do you have any lights you don't want? As you look over your ornaments and decorations, remember that the museum would be a wonderful home for unwanted items.
- Interested in old sheet music? Maureen Hisey worked at home organizing, cataloging and filing our collection. Any additions are welcome.
- Ann Lamb is working on her computer, preparing Certification of Gift forms. Every donation is acknowledged through this form listing individual items donated.
- David Liesen is cleaning and restoring old tools.
- Darlene Landmann edits and types our newsletters. The newsletter committee, consisting of Darlene, Roy Leonhardt, Dick Riddle, Margo Morner, Don Ledrowski, and me, selected themes for the year 2000 issues. New committee members are

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welcome. We meet about 5 times a year. Like to write? Poems, articles, and memories concerning Eagle are wanted. Please share any comments or suggestions for future issues.

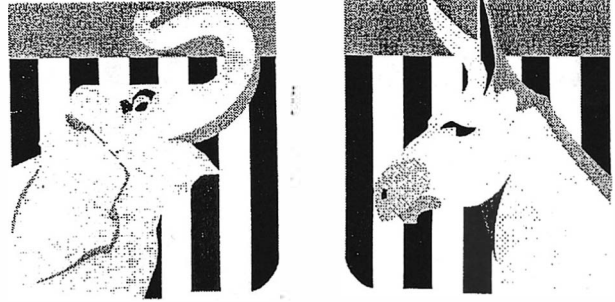
- JoAnn Gilbert is preparing the squares for the State Bird quilt donated by Pat Monroe. She is researching the birds and color coordinating the states. Volunteers will be needed to embroider one or more squares.
- Jessie Chamberlain has agreed to co-chair a quilt committee to start another quilt for a future raffle. The committee and other interested persons will meet after the first of the year. Eloise Hall was the lucky winner of our last crazy quilt raffle. We made a profit of \$1,200.
- Roy Leonhardt has created and continues to update our web page. He is currently working with Don Ledrowski to create programs for cataloging artifacts and books.

As you can see, the EHS is composed of many individuals interested in preserving the history of Eagle. If you are willing to volunteer for any activities, stop in the museum on a Friday or Saturday between 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon or call me at 594-3301. You can also e-mail me at amolover@netzero.net or send a letter to the museum, PO Box 454, Eagle WI 53119.

Donations

A computer scanner was donated by Richard and Ann Lamb. A cabinet-model GM radio was donated by David Liesen.

Other donations came from Marcy Winzenried, Edward and Welthy Mueller, Bernie Pilak, Alice Baker Library, West Allis Historical Society, Pat Monroe, Paul Kramer, Mabel Finney, Darlene Landmann, Lisa Busche, Bill Thiele, Jean Bowey, and Terry and Julie Pisarek. ♦



The annual Town election takes place at the Opera House in this village on Tuesday April 3rd. The village election will be held on the same day but will be separate and distinct from the Town election. Nothing of importance will be brought before the annual meeting so far as we know of now. The election will no doubt be a tame affair. Politics will not enter into contest for office. This is as it should be.

Village Caucus

A caucus of the qualified voters of the village of Eagle with out regard to political affiliation, will be held at the Opera Hall in said village on Monday April 2nd 1900 at 8oclock, in the after noon to nominate candidates for village office.

By order of the village committee.

Village Election

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of the village of Eagle, in the County of Waukesha Wis., for the choice of village officers will be held at the Opera Hall in said village, on the third day of April 1900. The polls will be opened at ten oclock in the forenoon and will be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon of said day. Dated this 23rd day of March 1900.

Geo. A. Sherman, Village clerk

Thursday evening was the time set for Eagle folks to be at the Opera hall as listeners to a debate between Chafin and Dopp, both of Waukesha. The debaters and manager Warden were on scheduled time but the crowd was delayed by storm and rough winds. An early adjournment was taken.

-Eagle Quill, March 23, 1900



A fair sized audience greeted Rev. W. D. Cox managing editor of the Wisconsin agitator (sic) at the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening. The name of his paper clearly indicates his character, the substance of his address was in chief an arrangement (sic) of President McKinley for imbibing wine at a banquet in Milwaukee and his cowardice in the army canteen affair during the Spanish war. The blind pigs in Genesee (sic) where the speaker formerly resided were also attacked. Will N. Cork the noted prohibition soloist sang several of his choicest songs. Rev. Cox was formerly in charge of the M. E. Church at Eagle and his method of dealing with those who differ with him on these questions is so well known that people here do not get alarmed over his statements or misstatements. It is only a stranger who has never seen or heard him who wonders why he got so angry because President McKinley drank wine in Milwaukee instead of Pabst Beer. In speaking of this the following day some of his hearers thought that possibly he was slighted and did not receive an invitation to the Banquet. At the conclusion of his speech cards were passed around to be signed by the men and boys only giving their political preferences in the coming campaign. We did not learn of the number who coincide with the speaker's views, but it must be borne in mind that he has several admirers here who have clung to him in his effort to establish prohibition of the ardent goods. We shall not attempt to defend President McKinley as a politician nor will we approve of the Reverend gentleman so far as they (sic) relate to the Milwaukee Banquet. Suffice it to refer him to the wedding at Canaan. His reference to the last

Presidential contest and expression of belief that it would probably have been better for us if Bryan was successful, verifies the old adage that it is human to err and as he also is one of these "Humans" we judging the future by the past assume that he too sometimes is in error.

-Eagle Quill, March 23, 1900

Marcy, Wis. 2P.m. 3-15, 1900

To the Editor of Weekley press:

DeerSir

I supoes you wold like to heer ho owr sity convenson kome out. Well, we kalled our delagats together in armory hal last nite and made nominations as folews.

For maere Hon., Joe Kehaws of the secont ward, for aldormen forst word, Agist Bartels, second ward, Manis Hintz 3 ward, John Carison, 4 ward, Jake myres, 5 ward, Billey Walfgram, 6 ward Herman Schrader.

Fer Perliece jug we nomindted the Hon Frank Boake. we would gin that ofiss to Frank Schrader but he was puled twice for faast driving troue the sity & we wer afrade he wood let all the Bies do the saim & then it woodent be saff for our yongones on the streets, but we kome to the konkluson to make a perlieceman of him so he kan ketch the oter chaps.

We don't noe Ho wil be aldman from Tory Hill yet as they had no delgats to the konventian. I spose our Maere will pint a man for dem when he is lected.

We passed a sett of resolutions at the kalkas last net, first we resolved to make if a haf holday for our wifs on lecton day, second we reslvud to have our next reglar Metin on letting day in the second ward club rume & our 3 reslve was dat any man dat didnt soupport the reglar nomness you wil find his future adress on a marble slab in one of our sity berrying graounds.

Hopin dat the Bies wil take wmin & kome out lectian day redy to do rite. I am,

Icy Kold Yours

RED-HEDED JIM

-Eagle Quill, March 23, 1900 ♦

Town Meeting.

Ever since incorporation it has been a live question among the politicians as to the political complexion of the town. As a result of this anxiety both parties went in to win. At the caucuses considerable interest was manifested in the selection of candidates and every effort was put forth to put up clean, strong and representative tickets. The Republican electors held their caucus Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called for 2 p.m., but the Markhannaites with their wonted political sagacity spent the first forty minutes upon the street, then repaired to the hall organized and nominated a full ticket in twenty minutes, a record unprecedented in Eagle politics. The wisdom of their choice as far as the personal (sic) of the ticket is concerned was worthy of commendation and every candidate was competent for the position if elected, but from a geographical standpoint a grave and costly error was made in heading the ticket with a resident from across the Scuponong (sic) river notwithstanding the warning in our last issue.

The Democratic electors met at 8:30 p.m., and took up the gauntlet so defiantly thrown down by the Republicans in the afternoon. The nomination of T. J. Brady was practically unanimous, shouts of second the motion, coming from every side of the room. The remainder of the ticket was elected by ballot, and the fear and trembling with which the numerous names proposed were withdrawn is fairly indicative of the care in the selection of candidates.

Election day opened clear and bright and candidates were as badly mixed in the crowds as colors in a Turkish rug. About noon it was seen that the result was very close, whereupon the wily politicians of the Democratic town committee and their lieutenants sent conveyances to the straggling voters and thus succeeded in rolling up a handsome majority. As one winning candidate said "Had it not been for the foresight of the Town Committee, we would now be suffering the remorse of Candidate Baumgartner in the city of Rose." The whole Democratic ticket with the exception of treasurer was elected.

- Eagle Quill, April 06, 1900

Result of Election

Democrats Capture Village and Town but Lose County

The Democrats have lost the majority in the county board as a result of the fight made on the party in Waukesha. The next county board will be Republican by a majority of 18 to 11.

Party lines were obliterated in our local election and the candidates were chosen with regard to fitness for the office and the result is most satisfactory. The following officers were chosen:

President, E. Bossingham; trustees, J. J. Lurvey, L. Grosse, Harvey Clemons, Wm. Ihrig E. Lins Sr., J. M. Partridge; supervisors, H. M. Loibl; clerk, G. A. Sherman; treasurer, F. Schmidt assessor, Geo. Wilton; justices, Wm. Reynolds, W. Crawley; constable, Jos. Von Reeden; police justice, W. J. Mayhew.

Eagle Town—Chairman, T. J. Brady, side supervisors, Anton Stute, Chas. Worm; clerk, James Shearer, Rep.; assessor, J. P. O. Bigelow; justices, J. P. Doulan, J. T. Burden, L. E. Hall, H. Burnell; constables, Geo. Parsons, L. Fardy, E. Macholdt.



EDWARD BOSSINGHAM.

Edward Bossingham... is a native of England and is 58 years old. He was educated in Cambridgeshire, the town of his birth and learned the trade of a merchant

tailor. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Snushall in England in 1862. He came to America in 1873, locating in East Troy where he remained about six years following his vocation as a merchant tailor. He removed to Eagle, his present home, in 1880 where by his pleasing address, broad views and earnestness of purpose...he was elected president of the village at the first election held Sept. 26, 1890 on the village ticket without opposition and re-elected on Tuesday. He is a careful and conscientious official dignified yet courteous, independent but willing to serve the pleasure of his constituents.

- *Eagle Quill*, April 06, 1900

BRYAN WILL SPEAK AT WAUKESHA

Next Wednesday evening, October 3, Billie Bryan will speak at Waukesha. Two meetings will be held one at the Casino and the other at the Athenaeum. Each of the halls will accommodate about three thousand people. Eagle will furnish a large number of admiring listeners. Excursion rates will be given.

- *Eagle Quill*, Sept. 28, 1900

"Shall the People Rule?"

The watchword of Mr. Bryan in this campaign is "Shall the People Rule?" The campaign slogan of Mr. Taft is "What Will Happen if Mr. Bryan is Elected?"...

The important issues of the campaign are

1. Shall the present high tariff rates be reduced so that the people will not be compelled to pay monopoly prices for the necessities of life?
2. Shall the campaign contributions be published before election, so that the voter may know what "special interests" are attempting to get control of the political parties?
3. Shall the actual valuation of railroads be ascertained, so that the railroad companies will not receive dividends or make stock?
4. Shall the government regulate the trusts or the trusts regulate the government?
5. Shall government by injunction cease?
6. Shall senators be elected by a direct vote of the people so that they will be held closely responsible to the people?
7. Shall bank deposits be guaranteed to protect the depositor against loss?...

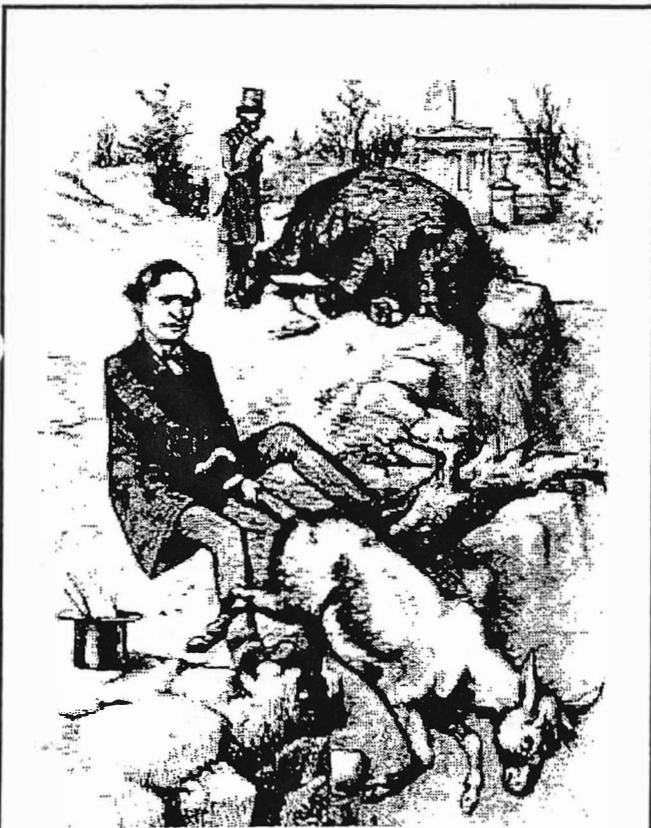
"Shall the People Rule?" It is up to you, Mr. Voter.

- *Eagle Quill*, Oct. 23, 1908

One La Follette Quitter

Last Monday a Janesville barber was clipping a patron's hair when the two got into a political discussion which so angered the barber, a La Follette supporter, that he threw down his scissors and stalked out of the shop, leaving the customer with only half a trim. We have been unable to find a parallel to this, since, so far as we can discover, every one else who ran counter to La Follette got completely trimmed.—
Madison Journal

- *Eagle Quill*, Nov. 25, 1900



Thomas Nast, one of America's best-known cartoonists, popularized the symbols of the Democratic donkey and the Republican elephant. His barbed satires were extremely influential and helped to discredit several corrupt politicians and organizations.

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Good Citizenship for Women

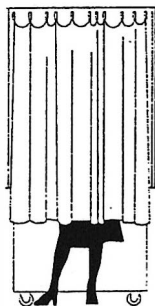
Theodora W. Youmans, Editor

WOMEN MADE GREAT SHOWING

The exact number of women who voted at the primary election in this state or this city cannot be known because the ballots of women were cast into the same ballot boxes as those of the men.

But from the best information obtainable it appears that a remarkable vote was cast by women in this city. According to estimates of election officials, the number of women voting in this city by wards is:

First ward.....	189
Second ward.....	125
Third ward.....	not known
Fourth ward.....	203
Fifth ward.....	250
Sixth ward.....	199



It thus appears that not less than 1,100 women voted in this city. It is fair to estimate from the incomplete returns received that another thousand women voted in the county.

A large vote by women is reported in Dane, Racine, and other counties. About 20,000 women voted in Milwaukee. It seems fair to

estimate that at least 50,000 women voted throughout the state, and probably many more, a remarkable showing of interest among women when it is remembered that they had had the right to vote for state and local officials only two weeks and that the campaign among women had been devoted wholly to national issues and the national ticket, which did not figure except indirectly in the state primary.

It appears also to be a fact that nearly all these women voted the Republican ticket. Not many Democratic tickets were voted and no reports have reached the editor of this column of activity among Democratic women. I believe that at least nine out of ten tickets voted by women were Republican tickets—an asset for the Republican party, not only for the present but for the future, which it is impossible to overestimate.

- *Eagle Quill* Sept. 17, 1920

WOMEN DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY IN COUNTY COURT

Thirty-four cases appear on the court calendar to be disposed of at the regular March term of county court, which opened on Wednesday of this week. Of these, twenty are jury cases, one, issue of law for court, and thirteen, issues of fact for court. Fifty names have been drawn for jury service among which number twenty-four are women. This will be the first time in history that women have served on a jury in this county and considerable inquiries have been made as to the manner in which women will perform their new duties.

A list of the names drawn for jury duty (includes) Mrs. Flossie Pardee, Eagle village.

- *Eagle Quill*, Feb. 25, 1921



IN MEMORIAM

Jim Frauenfelder – Mary Smart – Harvey Wambold

NEW LAW TO LET TAXPAYER DOWN A LITTLE EASIER

That the present method of taxation is unfair to the owner of real estate and personal property subject to taxation was the declaration made by Governor John J. Blaine in an address before the Rotary club of Madison.

Gov. Blaine, in a discourse on the Severson "surtax" bill now before the legislature, cited the economic conditions existing all over the world and coming down to Wisconsin, declared that thousands of acres of fertile farm land will lie idle this year because of the excessive overhead cost of production and the greatly reduced prices paid to the farmers.

He then referred to the industrial conditions in the cities where many industries are closed down entirely, others running on short time with greatly reduced forces and as a result the laboring man is either out of employment entirely or is working but a portion of the time and thus earning but little.

This, he said, means that the consuming public, because it is not earning as much as usual, is unable to spend, that it means (sic) the industries are not able to dispose of their goods and the farmer is unable to dispose of his produce to advantage because the consumers are unable to purchase. There must be a readjustment and that is coming slowly.

He said that under the present method of taxation the owner of a home in Madison, valued at \$7,400, paid \$166 taxes in January, 1921, whether he has income or anything to pay the taxes or not, it was assessed against the property. On the other hand a man having a net income, after deducting his \$1,200 exemption because he was married and an additional \$200 for each child, paid but \$144 income tax, none of which goes for the support of the university, normal schools, highways, etc.

Would Adjust Burden

Under the provisions of the administration surtax bill no surtax is assessed on net incomes of less than \$5,000, and the man with a net income of \$7,400 would pay \$55 towards the support of the University, normal schools, highways, etc.

"The object of this bill is not to raise more taxes," said the Governor, "but to so adjust the method of taxation that those who can best afford to pay will come nearer to paying their proportionate share of the taxes necessary. Under the proposed surtax plan we believe it will be possible to reduce the tax roll on real estate and personal property for the benefit of the home owner and businessman."

Gov. Blaine declared under the present conditions, the high cost of construction and high taxes, a (sic) few homes were being constructed, for in one way the home owner is being penalized by the high taxes he is compelled to pay. The surtax measure, he declared, would relieve that condition to a considerable extent and would not cripple nor injure industry, as the surtax is only to be applied on incomes in excess of reasonable requirements.

- Eagle Quill, Feb. 25, 1921



Under our present Municipal Court system a warrant can be obtained only by going to Waukesha or Oconomowoc and then the complainant must pay his own expenses. When we consider the distance from Menomonee Falls to Waukesha we can readily see that the people in that village have no immediate relief in cases of serious trouble. Of what particular service is our Municipal Court? Why should we tax Menomonee Falls for the support of this Court?

It has been said that to amend the laws might lead to an opportunity to the old Justice of the Peace system. Let us see if that would be the case if the amendment is passed. Under the proposed amendment the Judges are to appoint a deputy clerk of court the same as they now appoint the

clerk of court, who has full power to hear complaints and issue warrants. Have we heard anybody say that this might lead to a return to the old justice of the Peace system? If it is dangerous to have a deputy clerk of court in Menomonee Falls it would likewise be dangerous to have a clerk of court in Waukesha and Oconomowoc.

As our Municipal Courts are at present constituted, the clerk of the court is the only officer who remains during the day except when cases are on. The judges appear, dispose of court matters and the rest of the day is their own. Usually they return to their private offices and practice law, leaving the clerk in charge to hear complaints and issue warrants. Is it not a fact that the District Attorney is seldom consulted before the warrant is issued excepting when it may be required to advise the clerk?

And again would anyone contend that the clerks in the town and villages would not proceed as honorably as the clerks in the cities of Waukesha

and Oconomowoc? The term of office of said deputy clerk would also be subject to the pleasure of the judge who appointed him and he could be removed instantly. In view of the above we inquire wherein is there any danger in lacing the proposed amendment upon our statute books?

The rural districts have patiently suffered inconveniences under our present municipal court laws and now are constrained to ask a change which will be most likely to effect their safety and give them privileges to which they are entitled as a matter of fairness and justice. Experience has shown that when a new law is passed it is better for the interests of the people to have it executed by the friends of the law and therefore it behooves the voters in the rural districts to support the candidate for Municipal Judge in his district who is known to be in favor of this amendment, and who stands ready to assist Senator Lockney by word and deed in having it passed at this session of the legislature.

- Eagle Quill, Mar.01, 1907

Bowed Men



The father of our country was a man of noble birth
Mount Vernon was his stately home, on fine Virginia earth.
A dignified, impressive man with comfort to afford
But Washington could bow his head in rev'rence to the Lord.

Our sixteenth president was born in Old Kentucky hills.
His humble home, his often needs, the books on hist'ry fill.
From lowly stock he rose to fame, from tilling rocky sod.
Yet when he reached the very top, he bowed his head to God.



Each man came from a different clime, each had a different road.
But each gave something to our land that we now have and hold.
But the greatest gift each gave to us, that will not pass away.
They taught that "great" could bow their heads and take the time to pray.

Submitted by C. Pierce, Eagle ♦

MEMORIAM

TO THE

Followers of the Late

G. O. P.

A Public Demonstration will be held Saturday Evening, November 18, 1916, in the Public Square at Eagle to which all are invited.

D I E D

Nov. 7, 1916, and upon advice of City Counselor Edwards a Post Mortem was held by Coroner Frank Seefeldt and the attending Physician, Dr. J. J. Fitzgerald, they concluded that Teddy Roosevelt killed him with the Big Stick.

This has been twice verified by the undertaker, Jim Shearer.

Bob Folley was a close second but
OTTO SAYS ITS NOT SO.

Services will be conducted at the Grave by his Political Pals and Several Selectos will be rendered by the Howling Sextette, composed of the following members:

Phil Richards.....	Hollow
Art Belling.....	Mellow
Robert Piper.....	Stellet
Ed. Burton.....	Tremble
Wm. Ihrig.....	Tremelo
Frankie Buell.....	Horrible
Henry Bocker.....	Base
L. Wambold.....	Baser
H. H. Earle.....	Rattler

There will also be a Pathetic Duett rendered by Mr. Grosse and Harold Pardee, entitled "My You Never Can Tell," and a Solo by that Eminent Tenor Rubusto, John T. Buell, entitled, "I Always Voted Wrong," and an Oration by Mill Markham on "International Law."

Interment will be at Huggins Gulch.

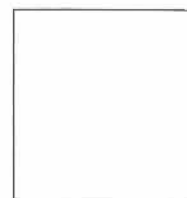
Carriages will be supplied by Charlie Chaplin Cox.

Sexton--Julie Reeves

Flowers will only be permitted by permission of Committee:
John Mueller, Don Pardee, Frank Thomas

PALL BEARERS--Wm. Logan, Harry Burton, Gus. Belling, J. C. Wilton, Wesley Frayer, Archie Gale, Tim Ridgman, Ned Burton, Chris. Macholdt, Geo. Cummings

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Mark your calendar

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

November 7, 2000

*New sweatshirts in white, brick red and denim blue
will be available in adult sizes*

Members

\$16.00

Non-Members \$20.00