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## THREE OLD WAR VETERANS

Who Fought, Bled and Almost Died For Their Country

ALIVE TO TELL THE TALE

Levi Heth, C. G. Ashby and George W. Brown Long and Short of the Army

More than forty years have passed since sanguinary civil war held the nation in its grasp and many men who took part in the bloody conflict, have gone to their reward. A lot of the old veterans still live however but age has wrinkled the brow and silvered the hair and caused a shuffling of the step.



The banner's artist caught these three with his camera recently and today we reproduce their picture. The tall one is Levi Heth of Shilo and the short one is Geo. W. Brown of this city, while the middle one is Chas. G. Ashby formerly of Long Lake. Brown and Heth was in the same company together and were dubbed the "long and short of it." Levi first enlisted in company E. old Third Michigan, for three months, but the "rebs" got busy and the short time men wouldn't do, so he re-enlisted at Washington under Captain Byron Pierce for three years or during the war, typhoid fever got him in 1863 and he was discharged and came home. Levi's first experience whetted his appetite for more war and he re-enlisted with Brown and a lot of

others in the Tenth Michigan Cavalry. Being a big fellow he made a shining mark for rebel bullets but although he had many hair breath escapes, they didn't get him.

Geo. W. Brown was probably the smallest and youngest man to enlist in the civil war, he was just 15 years, 7 months and 2 days old when he enlisted in Ionia and went to the front with the rest of the boys, being at Grenville, Tenn., and Mooretown in cavalry scraps with Morgan the raider and he saw that famous guerilla fifteen minutes after he was shot. Brown was a good fighter although he was diminutive and dodged many bullets and sabre strokes, finally in a cavalry charge near Richmond where they were cutting off supplies and burning bridges, he was thrown from his horse and disabled. At one time the rebs got them on the run and they skedaddled six miles in order to avoid capture. After Brown came home, he went to California for four years and later returned and went into business at Shiloh where he kept store for more than twenty years before moving to this city.

Ashby the middleman in the picture did not fare so well in the army as the other fellows, he served time in the rebel prisons, Castle Thunder, Libby, Belle Isle and Saulebury. When he went in he weighed 160 pounds, when he came out, there was only 60 pounds of him left with his clothes on. Ashby enlisted at Albion, N. Y., in June 1863 in the Eighth New York heavy Artillery. He was at Maryland heights and Ft. McHenry and participated in battles and skirmishes at Spotsylvania court house, Cold Harbor, Northanna, Strawberry Plains, Jerusalem, Plank Roads and Petersburg Va., getting after Mosby the raider during the summer of 1864. It was near Petersburg at Reams station on the Weiden Road that he and 1600 others were captured and taken to Richmond to begin prison life, ending up at Saulebury, North Carolina. For seven weeks he didn't have a tent for shelter or blanket for a cover, finally he dickered with a "reb" and traded a pair of shoes for a ragged old quilt which he patched up, using a needle he made from a piece of bone with an old jackknife he also got of a reb in a trade, he afterward sold the knife for a ten cent Confederate bill and bought a pint of applejack with it which was the best relish he had tasted for six months. While a prisoner he made a cane from a hickory stick using a small piece of sheet iron and a rough stone or brick to fashion and polish it, this he still has and wouldn't sell it for the best farm in Ionia county. A few years ago, Ashby traded his farm at Long Lake for property in this city and is a resident here.

Deer License

E. B. Lapham has received hunters license to shoot deer and can issue them at any time.

## AT OTHER SCHOOLS

Belding Teachers Took in Grand Rapids and Lansing for Inspiration.

The city schools were closed Friday and Saturday of last week to give the teachers an opportunity of visiting the schools in other cities and to get inspiration and pointers if possible for use in the school work here.

It is understood the teachers were given their choice of taking advantage of this scheme in lieu of going to the Bay City State Teachers' Association later. Some of the good looking bunch went to Lansing, but the majority took in Grand Rapids.

The teachers of the different grades were naturally interested in the kind of work they have in hand and visited the departments suited to their duties. It was a profitable and enjoyable occasion, although the weather was somewhat disagreeable outside the school rooms.

They were given a cordial welcome by their sister teachers. The Grand Rapids Herald had this to say of those who took in Grand Rapids: "The city was invaded yesterday by the entire force of Belding schoolm'ams, who made a day of it inspecting the local schools and watching the working of the district nurses in connection with the schools. Mrs. Hopwood, principal of the Second ward school at Belding, accompanied by Miss Sprague, visited the District Nursing Association and imbibed what knowledge they could in the limited time of the plan of operation, and also visited the Fountain street school during the time that Mrs. Beryl McMeekin of the Association was on duty at the school. Belding people are interested in the plan of placing a district nurse in the city schools."

## IN REHEARSAL

Charming Opera "The Captain of Plymouth" by the High School

One of the fine entertainments which lovers of good wholesome music, song and dramatic action delight to hear and witness is now in rehearsal by the pupils of the high school and will be given in the Opera House about Thanksgiving time.

"The Captain of Plymouth" is a charming opera and a very funny parody on "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

There are fifteen leading characters in the opera with a large chorus of Puritans and Indians. It will be given under the direction of Mrs. Williams, teacher of music and art, who is already conducting the rehearsals for the event, which is looked forward to with enthusiastic interest.

Mrs. Williams and Miss Ronan will have leading parts in the play, and a full list of the characters will be given later.

## HAS LOCATED

Frank Connell Bought Drug Stock at Benton Harbor and Will Move There

Frank T. Connell has purchased the old established drug business of the Bell estate in Benton Harbor and is already there doing business. The Palladium says: "The new owner, Mr. Connell, is a successful business man and an experienced druggist. Practically all his life has been spent in this line of business. Last April he disposed of his Belding store and has been looking for a new location since. Mr. Connell has made his home in Belding, but with his purchase here will make this city his permanent residence. The new owner is a registered pharmacist and after he becomes well acquainted with the stock expects to make a number of changes which will make for improvement." Mrs. Connell is already getting ready to move to her new home.

## AMUSEMENTS

Lyman H. Howe

Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures will be at the opera house Monday night, October 31st. These are the greatest and best moving pictures ever shown and Mr. Howe goes from here to Power's opera house in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, Nov. 1st, where the same pictures are shown, that are shown here and they show in all the big cities. Price 5, 50, 25 and 25 cents.

Adam Wagner left Monday for Grand Rapids and Laporte, Ind. He will visit his daughter, Mrs. George Freeman Craig, in the Hoosier state for several days and take a much needed and well earned rest from the arduous labor of his duties as secretary and attorney of the Belding and Loan Association.

## REQUEST MEETINGS

County President of W. C. T. U. Plans to Fight Return of Saloons.

Mrs. A. L. Benedict, the county president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is beginning to lay plans for a vigorous fight against the return of the saloon into Ionia county. The local option battle is again on and the question of saloons or no saloons for the county will be settled at the spring election for another two years.

Mrs. Benedict thinks there will be no question as to victory if the temperance people and the enemies of the saloon can be aroused to action. She has given out the following request:—

"In behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Association of Ionia County, and in view of the fact that this county will be called upon to vote on the Local Option question next spring, I most urgently request all pastors in the city to preach a temperance sermon the morning of Nov. 13, and wherever possible plan for a union temperance meeting of all the churches for the evening.

Mrs. A. L. Benedict, County Pres. of W. C. T. U."

## General Election

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the several wards of the city of Belding, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1910, at the places as each of said Wards as indicated below, viz:

First Ward at Chas. Brown's building, 208 N. Bridge St.

Second Ward at J. B. Vincent's building, 301 W. Main St.

Third Ward at City Hose House, 115 W. Depot St.

At which election the following officers are to be chosen, viz:

State—One Governor, one Lieutenant Governor, one Secretary of State, one State Treasurer, one Auditor General, one Attorney General, one Commissioner of the State Land Office and one Justice of the Supreme Court to fill vacancy for term ending December 31st, 1911.

Congressional—One Representative in Congress for the Congressional district of which said city forms a part.

Legislative—One Senator in the State Legislature for the Senatorial district of which said city forms a part; one Representative in the State Legislature for the Representative district of which said city forms a part.

County—One Sheriff, one County Clerk, one County Treasurer, one Register of Deeds, one Prosecuting Attorney, two Circuit Court Commissioners, two Coroners, one Surveyor, one Drain Commissioner.

## PROPOSITIONS

The following proposition will also be voted upon at said election, viz:

To amend Section 12 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to bonded indebtedness of Counties, as provided by Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Legislative Session of 1909.

This amendment, if adopted, will affect only such counties as have an assessed valuation of \$5,000,000 or less, but of course can be voted on by all electors throughout the State of Michigan, except that women are NOT entitled to vote upon this proposition.

In accordance with the Constitution of the State of Michigan and Act 206, Public Acts of 1909, should there be any proposition or propositions to vote upon at said Election involving the direct expenditure of public money, or the issue of bonds, every woman who possesses the qualifications of male electors and owns property assessed for taxes or owns property subject to taxation jointly with her husband, or with any other person, or who owns property on contract and pays taxes thereon, all such property being located somewhere within the district or territory to be affected by the result of said election, will be entitled to vote upon such propositions provided such person has her name duly registered in accordance with the provisions of said Act.

The polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. of said day of election.

Dated this 24th day of October, A. D. 1910. W. S. EDDY, Clerk of said City.

There was an old time party at the home of Mrs. Sarah Lester on Peck's hill last Friday. Twenty-seven ladies came by invitation to enjoy an old time dinner. Roast pork, hulled corn, beans, mashed potatoes, pickled pears, apple pie, cheese crackers, Johnny-cake, tea and coffee were enjoyed by the happy company. One lady was dressed like "Samantha Allen" and looked very much like her. Knitting and darning was the work done as in days gone by. All had a happy time and all voted Mrs. Lester an ideal entertainer.

## ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE ELECTION

Campaign is Drawing to Close ---Candidates For Office are Active

SLOGAN "GET OUT THE VOTE"

Republicans and Prohibitionists Made Tour of County Last Week—Held Meetings Here

Only a couple more weeks remain for campaigning before the polls of the election will close and the choice of the voters of the state will be made for their respective candidate. It is conceded that it is only necessary to get out the vote to assure an old time republican victory. Chase Osborn is meeting with a hearty reception throughout the state—even better than before the primary campaign, which is a healthy sign and shows that the republicans of Michigan are united in the cause and will give their candidate a big majority in November. Every effort is being put forth to get the votes out and the short vigorous campaign will undoubtedly have the desired effort. In Ionia county during the past week the republicans democrats and prohibitionists have been active.

The republicans meeting held here in the opera house, was a splendid one addressed by Congressman, G. J. Dieckema and Congressman, Chas. E. Townsend, their forceful and intelligent manner of handling the issues in the campaign and important questions to be solved in Congress show that they are the right men to be kept there. Meetings were also held in Saranac, Lake Odessa, Sebewa and Portland.

The prohibitionists held a meeting here Saturday, addressed on the street corner from an automobile by their candidate for Governor, F. W. Corbett, who made a good speech from his view and argued that their party and principles were right. There was a dozen autos in the party, touring the county.

Mrs. Sarah Wheeler of Orleans, aged 82 years, is sick with typhoid fever. Her son Lewis Wheeler, who suffered a stroke of paralysis sometime ago and with whom she lives, also had typhoid fever, but has recovered. Dr. Dutt reports her comfortable.

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