

# Charlevoix County Herald.

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EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1915.

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## Accidentally Shot Himself

George Banks of Hayes Township Found Dead in Vacant Building.

The dead body of George Banks of Hayes township was found Monday afternoon between four and five o'clock in a small building used for storage purpose on the farm of Fred Gray, about a mile from his home.

Banks had ate his dinner at his home and told the members of the family he intended going to the woods to cut wood. At the time he left the house, he carried a single barrel shot gun, and told one of his children he would bring back a rabbit. This was the last time he was seen alive.

On the way to the woods the road ran through the farm of Fred Gray. About a half mile from the woods, where he intended to cut wood, is a small building used by Mr. Gray to store implements, etc. Banks entered the building and in some manner the accident occurred that caused his death.

Between four and five o'clock, Mrs. Gray and daughter noticed the door of the building open, and went there to investigate the cause. Upon looking in, they saw banks lying on the floor, on his face. Receiving no answer as they spoke, they investigated the cause, and upon seeing the condition of things, gave the alarm to the other members of the family.

Sheriff Novak, Prosecutor Lewis and Coroner Wilkinson visited the scene of the accident about 7 o'clock in the evening. From the position of the body, Banks had evidently drawn the gun toward him, and in so doing, it was discharged, the contents striking him in the abdomen. The wound was a ghastly one, the muzzle of the gun being so close to the body that his clothing was burned. The investigation brought to light nothing of unusual nature other than accidental.

Banks was a young man and leaves a wife and children. Funeral services were held Thursday.—Charlevoix Courier.

## MYSTIC LODGE, F. & A. M. ELECTED OFFICERS

Mystic Lodge No. 379, F. & A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their last meeting, Sat. Dec. 18th:

W. M.—H. J. Carpenter.  
S. W.—C. V. Trumbull.  
J. W.—Martin Ruhling.  
Treas.—Anton Walstad.  
Sec'y.—J. E. Chew.  
S. D.—W. H. Sloan.  
J. D.—Chas. P. Murphy.  
Stewards—Peter Lalonde and Bert L. Danforth.  
Tyler—Wm. Aldrich.

The installation will be held next Monday evening, Dec. 27th.

## St. Joseph's Church

Rev. Timothy Kroboth.

Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day.  
8:00 a. m. Angels' Message—Mixed Voices. High mass.  
Juvenile Mass—Quoir.  
Offertory—Adeste Fideles—Mixed Voices.  
Benediction—O, Salutaris, Tantum Esgo.  
Recessional—Silent Night, Sacred Night.  
Accompanist—Mrs. Mat. Quian.

Sunday, Dec. 26.  
10:30 a. m. mass.  
Program as on Christmas.  
7:00 p. m. Benediction.  
Mothers' Meeting after Mass.

## Old Songs Re-twisted

The melancholy days have come,  
The saddest of the year,  
But we may help conditions some  
By smiling—'twould appear.

Even yet there is time to make somebody happy by doing a little eleventh hour shopping.

The man of moderate means is more desirable as an acquaintance than a man of immoderate meanness.

## BEN SMATTS MARRIED AT FLINT

East Jordan Boy Takes Scotch Lassie as Bride.

(From Flint, Mich. Journal.)

Benjamin B. Smatts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smatts of East Jordan, and Miss Alice M. Dunn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Dunn of Derby Terrace, Glasgow, Scotland, were united in marriage Tuesday evening, December 14th, at the Parkland Presbyterian parsonage in the north end of the city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard J. Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Smatts will be at home to their friends after Christmas at 111 Eleventh avenue.

## ELBERT BEDE SAYS

When a man runs for office to down those who have been lying about him, he is courting defeat.

Anyway, when a woman brags of making a fool of a man, it is acknowledgment that he wasn't one to start with.

What's the idea of hollering for a big standing army—what we want is one that will hot foot after the enemy.

How exasperating folks are who, instead of being convinced by our argument, try to talk us into their way of thinking.

Gradually it is becoming accepted that education is for the purpose of teaching young men and women something useful for later life.

Sometimes we imagine that folks get peeved at the newspaper notoriety given their actions just to keep folks from suspecting that they courted the notoriety.

The farmer who hated the automobile because it frightened his horses and spoiled the roads, is becoming one of the largest users of bugle wagons, which proves that the world do move.

Any old girl is pretty when all dolled up—the test of her sweetness and beauty is how she looks in a gingham dress about the house—and don't forget that that's the way you have got to take her most of the time after the wedding.

A clever woman, who gets a mediocre husband, has the sympathy of all the gossips. Why is it that they overlook the clever man who marries a silly woman? Perhaps it is because the latter is so common as to attract little notice.

After a woman has made a success of grand opera she is likely to be referred to as beautiful, but she has then passed the stage when such comments would have been of value to her. A woman whose frame for a beautiful voice is established, doesn't care what folks say about her face.

## STREET CORNER SAGE

### His Idea of Gossip.

"Heard a feller say" in a free leksure down at th' church one time that a gossip wuz the lowest down thing on airth, an' blamed if I aint a litte bit inclined to agree with him."

The Sage "borrowed" a chew and proceeded:

"Trouble with 'em is that when a bunch of 'em gits to talkin' an' tellin' each other what's happened in their neighborhoods, they run out of facts an' get to guessin' at what happened. They ruin peoples rep-a-tation that they don't know enny thing about a-tall. I'm in favor uv makin' gossippin, a pen-a-tensury offence."

"Seems to me Uncle" remarked a younger man, "that I've heard some of you old timers over at the grocery store, get mighty personal in some of your conversations."

"Yes" replied the Sage, "I reckon we do, but we don't aim to tell nothin' on nobody that we aint heard on responsible authority er that we don't hav grounds fer b'levin'. Y' see that's differant."

## Learn a Little Every Day.

The first steel pen was made in 1830. The first newspaper was published in England in 1588, and the first advertisement appeared in 1652.

The Sahara desert contains twenty oases, inhabited by wandering tribes, who live chiefly by plundering.

India is larger than all the Pacific states and contains about four times as many inhabitants as the United States.

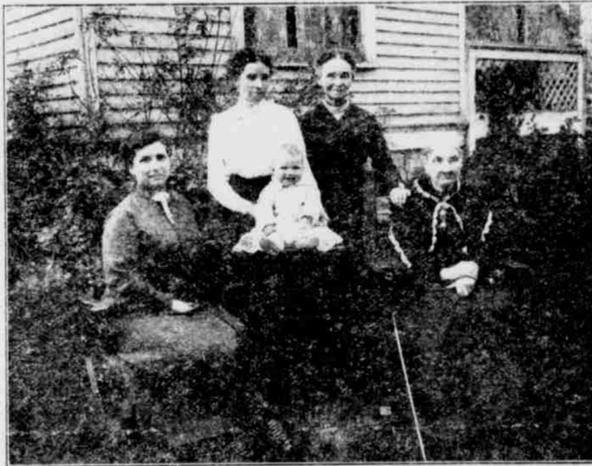
The great fire in London commenced on Sept. 2, 1866 and burned three days, destroying 13,200 houses.

The longest verse in the Bible is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther, the shortest the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of John.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

MAY CHRISTMAS Bring You,  
Here in a World of Changes, Those  
Joys That Never Grow Old-Fashioned---  
The Clasp of Friendly Hands, the Thrill  
of Reunited Ties, the Echo of Children's  
Laughter, and May the Happiness so  
Kindled Shed Its Glow Over All the  
Pathway of the Coming Year.

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Mrs. Howard Porter Mrs. E. Mudge  
Mrs. A. E. Cross Mrs. Amanda Olmstead  
William Alden Porter

## Five Generations in this Family

The above photograph, taken at the home of Mayor A. E. Cross, last fall, has been the source of considerable interest to our townspeople, as it represents five generations. The oldest of these is Mrs. Amanda Olmstead of Central Lake township, Antrim county, who is aged ninety years. Following in their order is Mrs. E. Mudge, aged sixty seven years, also of above place; Mrs. A. E. Cross, aged forty-seven; Mrs. Howard Porter, aged twenty-six; and the latter's son, William Alden, aged eight months. There is another of the fifth generation not shown in above picture—the little child of Mrs. John Benford of Mt. Pleasant.

## And Along Came Ruth

"Here's a hat I must throw away," lamented Ruth's father, as he held up a last years derby.

"Why?" asked Ruth.

"Because it looks worn, and it will not brush clean," he answered.

"Let me try my hand at it," coaxed Ruth, and her father put the hat into her hands.

She took a clean piece of old muslin, wet it with household ammonia, started at the top of the hat, and worked it around in a circle, until the entire hat and binding had been covered. When the father came home, she showed it to him and he exclaimed:

"Ah, that isn't the same hat Ruth!"

"Yes, it is," she answered, "and hereafter I'll always make the old ones new for you in the same manner."

## The Week In History.

Monday, Dec. 20.—South Carolina seceded, 1860.

Tuesday, Dec. 21.—Savannah captured, 1864.

Wednesday, Dec. 22.—Embargo on U. S. ships, 1807.

Thursday, Dec. 23.—Washington resigned commission, 1783.

Friday, Dec. 24.—Fort Fisher stormed, 1864.

Saturday, Dec. 25.—The Children's Day—Every Year.

Sunday, Dec. 26.—Major Anderson occupied Sumpter, 1860.

The first thing a woman does after moving into a house is to look in the closets to see whether the former tenants left their family skeleton there.

## Commission Proceedings.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms Monday evening, Dec. 20, 1915.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—None.

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

On motion by Lancaster, the following bills were allowed:

E. W. Giles, cleaning streets... \$ 24.00  
J. F. Kenny, coal and team work 17.08  
A. E. Cross, salary 100.00

City Treas., payment of labor... 3.50  
Chas. Coykendall, draying 3.00  
Chas. Shedina, labor-material 4.85

Reid-Graff Co., labor-material 197.74  
G.G. Glenn, bond of W.A. Pickard 30.00

On motion by Gidley meeting was adjourned.

OTIS J. SMITH,  
City Clerk.

## For Scalded Fingers

Make a solution of baking soda and water, placed in a glass or some receptacle in which the fingers may be dipped readily. This will alleviate pain very quickly.

To get a run for your money chase a street car.

A wise man guesses a woman's age ten years too young.

The jawbone was probably the original bone of contention.

Some men are pleasant to talk to and disagreeable to listen to.

Men who shake hands the hardest are the hardest to shake.

## LIKES IT IN THE NORTHWEST

Dan S. Kitson Meets With Success In Manitoba.

The Herald is in receipt of a pleasant letter, with subscription renewal, from Daniel S. Kitson, formerly of this city, but now located at Riding Mountain, Manitoba. Regarding his past season's work he says:

"Now that I have closed with the season, will say that my wheat—eighty acres—went 44 bushels to the acre; oats and barley equally good. And last but not least my bees gave me 148 pounds per colony of the finest grade honey—all nearly water white. I would have obtained much more had I expected it and been prepared. Besides I nearly doubled my increase.

"The winter so far has been mild—just enough snow now for sleighing. It is now (Dec. 13) the coldest for this winter—ten degrees below zero. January is our coldest month.

"How is this for the Arctic Circle, as some of our Michigan friends call it." Yours fraternally,  
DAN S. KITSON.

## SIGNIFICANT ADMISSIONS

The Democratic national convention was awarded to St. Louis because Missouri is looked upon as being very shaky as to its Democracy and as needing a party stimulant if Bourbonism is to be maintained in its ancient stronghold. Champ Clark championed the cause of St. Louis and frankly admitted that Missouri is debatable political territory.

Senator Jim Ham Lewis used much the same kind of an argument for Chicago, which is, he said, "the hub of such doubtful States as Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, as well as Illinois itself." To which the Speaker replied adequately and truthfully by saying that those States "are about as reliably Republican as Vermont."

These are significant admissions to come from Democratic leaders. The Republican ticket lost out in 1912 in every one of those States. The Democrats carried all but one of them. Now, Missouri is doubtful and the others are "reliably Republican as Vermont." If such a change has occurred in political conditions in the States named, it is entirely reasonable to suppose that a like condition exists in other parts of the country. Such, indeed, is the fact, as every test has shown. The Democrats may locate their convention where they will. They may renominate Wilson or Bryan, or take a new man to head their ticket. It will make no difference. The country itself is now "as reliably Republican as Vermont."

Nobody knows this better than the Democrats, and it requires only a clash of interest such as the contest over the convention city—to bring out the truth.

## County Normal Notes.

Frances Price was absent Thursday because of illness.

Catherine LaLonde has been doing special practice teaching in the training room. She gave some of the third grade pupils extra drill on their number work.

The class have dramatized portions of Dickens Christmas Carol. The scene in Scrooge's office and the Christmas dinner of the Cratchit family were both used.

The class are passe partouting Christmas pictures. The results obtained are very good and well repay the efforts of the students.

The teaching of morals is being considered in connection with the study of school management. Each member of the class told a story of some character in history, the lesson of whose life could be comprehended by school children and would aid the teacher in her great task of character building.

The class are working to acquire clear and accurate articulation. To do this they are practicing on the more difficult sounds of the different letters and combinations of letters and on sentences and couplets which ordinarily give trouble. Much improvement has been shown during the week spent on this work.

Each member of the class is looking forward with eager anticipation to the coming vacation of two weeks which begins December the twenty-first. All out of town students are expecting to spend their holidays at their homes. The normal students are going to share the tree in the training room with the children.

Greetings were received from Countis Mason, a member of the class of 1912, who is attending school at Mt. Pleasant.

## HOLD FAST TO WHAT YOU HAVE

Being a Brief Little Talk on Thrift.

If there is anything more pathetic than the man who never had a home, or friends, or money, it is the man who had a home and did not appreciate it; friends and couldn't keep them; money and lost it.

The world is full of derelicts, and every town has its "has beens" who once "were"—had and could not keep. It is a sad commentary on human life that men must work and sacrifice and save; practice thrift for years; accumulate a competence, and for one reason or another lose it all, and begin over again worse by far, except for the experience.

Men who were once citizens of affluence will be found in the bread line, sleeping in the parks at night, living on relatives, in the poorhouse, selling shoestrings on Broadway, when by better management they might have been in comfortable circumstances.

There are two principal reasons why men lose what they have acquired:

First, by being an "easy mark," lending to friends and relatives and unable to say "no" to a request for help or an alluring proposition. Second, the desire to make money fast—not by gambling, but by trying to get a large income from a small principal. The stories of men who have acquired considerable money, and in the desire to make it grow fast have lost it all would fill a book, and no caution is more opportune than this: Hold fast to what you have.

A few basic and common-sense rules will, if persistently followed, save those who heed them many a pang of regret:

First: Do not lend your friends. Friendship loans are bad; it is a delicate matter to ask for your money.

Second: Never endorse a note for anybody. More losses and business disasters have come about through lending one's name to promissory notes than perhaps any single cause. If you want to help a friend and have the money to spare better make a gift outright and forget it than try to deceive yourself that it is a loan. If you can't keep your friends without leading them money better lose them; friends are easier made than money.

Third: Put your money in a good bank and leave it there. Experience has proven that the average man can do no better than bank his money, for in making private investments risk attends and loss often follows. There are thousands of good banks, and one is no doubt in your town, and bank books are mighty good investments.

Fourth: If you accumulate enough to warrant private investment be satisfied with five per cent, and never aim to get more than six. Danger lies beyond six per cent.

Fifth: Experience has again proven the country over that first mortgage on improved property at not over 50 per cent of a fair market value is the most satisfactory form of investment and yields the highest returns compatible with safety. Savings banks specialize in mortgage loans, and you can follow their lead with safety.

Sixth: Before making any investment, ask your banker if it is legal for him and if he would make it; and if not legal question it carefully, and if he turns it down refuse it.

Seventh: Never buy land you have not seen. Millions have been lost in buying lots on the installment plan, particularly in large cities. The promoter will make the profit, not you.

These rules are simple, safe and easily followed. You won't go wrong if you heed them. They come out of bitter experience, and why should you pay the same price for knowledge other men have paid? Get all you can—honestly, and keep it when once it is yours.

Mirrors are the poorest kind of flatterers.  
And many a mushroom is a toadstool in disguise.  
Pride keeps more people down than actual want.

He is a wise man who never argues with the people he is fond of.

## RECOMMENDED FOR COUGH.

W. C. Allen, Boseley, No., says: "I have raised a family of four children and used Foley's Honey and Tar with all of them. I find it is the best cough and croup medicine I ever used. I used it for eight or ten years and can recommend it for croup." Same satisfactory results for coughs and colds.—Hites Drug Store.