

'ROUND ABOUT US.

Newsy Items Gathered In by the Banner's Staff of Special Correspondents.

GRATTAN.

Emory Storey cut his right foot so badly that he has to use crutches. Mrs. Will Howard, who has been poorly some time, was worse last week. Miss Mabel Wind, visiting Miss Ola Pond, has returned to her home in Greenville.

Dinner parties at private houses are the mode. The latest at Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall's last Thursday.

The Union school closed last Friday for one week's vacation. Prof. Bear will spend the time at his Grand Rapids home.

Geo. Ackert and family attended the wedding of Ed. Bird and Miss Morris both of Courtland, last week, they being relatives of the groom.

Peter Madison has removed his wife to Greenville. Also the rest of his family. Mrs. Madison has been very bad from lung trouble but stood the ride better than was expected.

Mrs. H. D. Pond has her household goods packed for moving to Howard City. The bad roads prevented her going last. We shall all miss this long known friend, for Mrs. Pond is a model woman in all life's various duties.

The many friends here and at Vergennes will be pained to learn that Geo. Godfrey, on the Naramor farm near Ashley church, was suddenly stricken with apoplexy last week and has since lain unconscious with little hopes of recovery. Mr. Godfrey came here from Vergennes two years ago, having made many new friends who deeply sympathize with the afflicted family. Dr. Spencer is in attendance, but can give no encouragement for recovery.

Nominations for Grattan township Republican ticket: Supervisor, Morris Trumbull; clerk, E. L. Brooks; treasurer, Will Hall; commissioner of highways, Geo. D. Smith; justice of the peace, full term, O. L. Watkins—to fill vacancy, E. P. Nash. Democratic—Peoples—Union—Silver: Supervisor, Manly Whitten; clerk, L. A. Elkins; treasurer, E. E. Lessor; commissioner of highways, Nathaniel Stanton; justice of the peace, full term, James Sullivan—to fill vacancy, A. A. Norton; member board of review, J. P. Norton; constables, Will Ward, W. J. Lessor, J. P. Byrne; Amos Vallance.

A company of fifty relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Purdy, Friday, March 26, 1897, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. After the company did justice to the elegant repast they were introduced to the celebrated Fly family in which Miss Letta Fly takes the leading part. Some very appropriate remarks were made by Geo. Ackert, after which all were at liberty to enjoy the remainder of the afternoon in a social way. At a late hour they began leaving for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Purdy and family many more such happy occasions and declaring that they had been royally entertained.

KEENE.

L. J. Laux visited at Newel Raymond's, Sunday.

Henry Ritterstorf will work for Campbell this summer.

Miss Williams who has been very sick is now improving.

John Gardner was in Grand Rapids Thursday and Friday.

Joe Honson and mother visited at Joe Rushe's, Tuesday.

Anthony Laux has finished cutting wood for Peter Blasler.

Will Foster went to Elmdale Sunday and returned, Tuesday.

L. J. Laux commenced work for K. A. McKendry, March 29.

Chas. Billinger has quit grinding feed and is sawing pickets.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Titus visited at Newel Raymond's, Sunday.

Carl English of Lowell, was in this vicinity on business, Wednesday.

Wm. P. Laux spent Saturday night with Fred Raymond of Fallasburg.

Fred Raymond and Anthony Laux are cutting wood for Newel Raymond.

Fred Baymond and Anthony Laux spent Wednesday evening with Wm. P. Laux.

The Union-Silver caucus was held at the Grange hall, and the Republicans held their caucus at Podunk, Friday afternoon.

LONG LAKE.

C. G. Ashby has had Highway Commissioner, Berry, arrested for trespass in tearing down a fence and the case will be tried Saturday in Belding.

Miss Julia Hall closed her school in the Chittie district Friday, with an exhibition Saturday night. There was a large attendance and the program was first class in every respect. The program commenced with music by A. Brown on violin and Ed. Ashley and Wm. Pretsel on banjos. Mrs. Shaw played the organ. Miss McLaughlin of Belding rendered a fine recitation that touched up the old fashion school board. Miss Hall has taught in this district for two years and is a first class instructor.

SMYRNA.

Dr. Bell was in Lansing last week. Dwight Sheldon of Ann Arbor, is in town.

Laura Northway is visiting friends at Gowen.

John Fisher's saw mill is still running.

Carl Cowles is spending a week with friends at Trufant.

Mrs. Albert Norton spent last week with friends at Muir.

Tom Skellenger has gone to Dakota to spend the summer.

Will Cowles made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week.

Geo. Hoppough made a business trip to Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Rastan Skellenger Sundayed with Arthur Brown of Belding.

Our college boys and girls are all home this week for vacation.

Henry Witt is moving onto Mr. Foote's farm east of Belding.

Freemy Sparks is moving onto Henry Skellenger's farm near Coral.

Miss Mary Howe of Orleans, was a guest of Nettie Bignell, Sunday.

Mr. C. J. Ring and family Sundayed in Belding at Waldo Francisco's.

Milo Richmond and Carl Hoppough are again at home during vacation.

The will be an election of officers for the Sunday school next Sunday.

Everybody come.

Will Francis has rented R.B. Cowles' farm and will stay on Smoky Row another three years.

Leroy Witt of Belding, is doing an extensive job of paper hanging for Mrs. R. B. Cowles.

Misses Lizzie Hamilton and Audrey Russell are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Will Walker of Orleans.

The Union Silver caucus last Friday nominated a good ticket. Every friend of silver should support it.

The Republican caucus last Saturday was very harmonious, the old officers all being renominated except one lone sinner who had gone over to the Union Silver party. He was ousted.

Geo. Hoppough don't seem to understand why a kind providence is dealing so harshly with him. Two years ago his only cow died and last week his pet jersey was called to spirit life.

George should know that whosoever the all wise loveth he chasteneth.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Insley planned a surprise on them last Friday evening, their 25th wedding anniversary and a genuine surprise it was. The company was also surprised for when they arrived the house was locked; Mr. and Mrs. Insley were found at the nearest neighbors. It was a happy evening for the company. Mr. and Mrs. Insley were recipients of a nice present.

GRATTAN-VERGENNES.

The sick are improving.

Mrs. O. Howard Sr. is dangerously ill.

Gerritt Doyle's sale was well attended.

Miss Mary Covert of Lowell, is visiting friends in Alton.

Mrs. Mische and children called on Mrs. Kropf, Sunday.

Chas. Keech and wife called on P. W. Byrne and wife, Monday.

Little Lillian McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGee, is on the sick list.

The roads in this vicinity are in the worst condition they have been for many years.

Bianche Jakeway spent last week with her grand-mother, Mrs. Charles Francisco, of Lowell.

Mrs. Lizzie Kropf and baby spent a few days of last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Reusser.

Miss Agnes Walsh of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. David Walsh, who is ill.

P. Houlihan is very low. His daughter, Frances, was called home from Lowell on account of his sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jakeway went to Grand Rapids last week, being called there by the sickness of his brother's wife, Mrs. Sherin Jakeway, who is dangerously ill.

ORLEANS.

Geo. Hill and family Sundayed at his father's.

Walter Meach of Belding, was in town, Sunday.

Alfred Palmer has a carload of carriages for sale.

School closed Wednesday for a week's vacation.

Henry Leach of Shiloh, was in town on business, Monday.

Alfred Sabin of Belding, is helping repair John Currie's house.

P. Jenks and S. Ward of Belding, are buying potatoes here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson and daughter of Belding, Sundayed at John Mead's.

Miss Julia Hall entertained Miss Rosa McLaughlin, of Belding, over Sunday.

Mrs. Wilbur Locke of Belding, has been spending a few days with Mrs. A. J. Hale.

Miss Matie Root of Ionia, has been the guest of relatives here during the past week.

Mrs. DeLine of Ionia, has been visiting at her son's Mr. Geo. DeLine, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gephart of Ionia, Sundayed with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Anteliff.

Mrs. Geo. Woodridge and Carrie are spending the week at her father's, O. H. York, of Adrian.

A large attendance is desired at the Sunday school convention, Saturday afternoon and evening, April 3.

O. Purdy and family attended the 40th wedding anniversary at Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Purdy's, of Grattan, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood of near Wood's Corners, have been visiting relatives of Otisco, Greenville and Sheridan the past week.

The officers of the Orleans union Sunday school for the coming year are as follows: Superintendent—Mrs. Grace McDonald. Secretary—Maude LaDow. Treasurer—Minnie LaDow. Librarian—Olive Hoyt.

OTISCO.

Mrs. Mary Bevins is keeping house again.

Mrs. Geo. Crane of Greenville, is visiting relatives here this week.

Our school resumes work again after a three weeks' measles vacation.

Mrs. Frank Luscombe has just completed a biscuit quilt containing exactly 2,200 blocks. Her sister-in-law Mrs. Bevins, assisted her. Next!

An important business meeting of the People's Literary club will be held at their hall, Saturday evening, April 3, beginning at 7 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Remember the caucus Saturday, March 27th.

E. W. Little made a trip to Cannonburg, Monday.

Our school was postponed for another week on account of several new cases of measles.

The Y.P.S.C.E. meets Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Miss Mabel Brown leads the meeting.

Mr. Platte and daughter, Anna, of Greenville, formerly residents of this place were in town, Friday.

A box social will be held at Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's, April 2, for the benefit of the Y.P.S.C.E. Bring your girl and have a good time.

The prayer meeting at Alton Brown's Tuesday evening was conducted by Mrs. Hanks. The meeting will be held at Walter Reeves' next Tuesday evening.

Miss Mae Pyne closed a successful term of school last Friday in the Cooley district, and after one week of vacation she will again commence her work in the Mason district, Grattan.

BOLSTER.

(Last Week's Letter.)

James Brown is quite sick.

Bolster is to have a new blacksmith shop.

Robert McKendry is shearing his sheep.

A tie mill has moved on the Freeman place.

Mrs. J. Wilbur is working for Mrs. H. Higgins.

Joseph Hunt marketed some fine pork last week.

Fred Hoxie is working P. M. Slayton's sugar bush.

John McKendry bought some young cattle in west Keene, last week.

Lawrence Laux will work for Robert McKendry the coming summer.

Miss Myrtle Ellis of Smyrna will teach the spring term in district No. 6, Keene.

Albert Wise of Wolverton Plains, is spending a few days with his uncle, H. D. Osgood.

Quarterly meeting at the M.E. church March 27th and 28th. Rev. J. I. Buell, presiding elder, will conduct the services.

ALTON.

Lillian McGee has the scarlet fever.

Stephen Rennells is on the sick list.

Charles Keech drives a new span of colts.

Nelson Call returned to his home, Sunday.

Abe Lites now occupies Mrs. Savendar's farm.

Wedding bells will soon ring for F. S. and S. H.

Segel Norman of Parnell was on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike McAndrews has been among the sick.

The cheese factory will begin work the first of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Church visited at Belding, Monday.

Mrs. Hannah Culver returned to Belding last Monday.

Mrs. Delaney, Sr., has been very sick but is much better now.

Clare Ford and wife visited Wm. Bliss in Grattan last Sunday.

Fritz Gegger occupies the farm James McGee recently lived on.

Frank Keech will use John Vanderbrook's paces on the road this year.

Otis White and Nelson Lewis visited Geo. H. Godfrey last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Oe Purdy of Grattan visited her mother, Mrs. H. White, last week Friday.

Miss Mary Covert of Lowell is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

James Helmer of Grand Rapids was a guest at Warren Ford's, Friday night.

Our grocery store has had a fresh coat of paper and paint and looks much better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hapeman visited their son, Judd, at East Lowell last Saturday.

Orrin Ford visited his brother, Jake, at Lincoln lake last week and found him much better.

Willie and Florence Herrington visited their sister, Mrs. D. Church, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Burt of Lowell, has rented Mr. Ring's blacksmith shop and will be ready for work soon.

Weekly prayer meeting at Warren Ford's this week, Thursday evening. David Clawson leader.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of our Grattan-Vergennes correspondent and hope to see them about soon.

L. H. Davis, our miller, was in Grand Rapids several days last week. He has sold 45 hundred weight of flour since the 4th of March.

A few friends, relatives and neighbors gathered together and gave Mrs. H. D. Weeks a surprise, Monday, that being her birthday. The roads were in such a bad condition a great many were hindered from attending.

The funeral of Geo. H. Godfrey of Oakfield, a former resident of this place, will be held at the Alton church, Wednesday, March 31, at 1 p. m. He had a stroke of paralysis last week Wednesday and died Sunday night. Farther particulars next week.

KIDSVILLE.

Joe Wacha is building a new house on his farm.

The bottom seems to have fallen out of the roads in this place.

Mrs. Mattie Bidwell has just finished a bed quilt that contains nearly 5,000 pieces.

Mrs. S. Nichols, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

J. T. Raby, who has been confined to the house nearly all winter with a complication of diseases appears to gain very slowly.

Mrs. Stella Newman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Richardson, for several weeks, expects to return to her home in Danby this week.

The birthday surprise for Miss Ella and Mr. Enos Anteliff was a great success. There were about seventy people present and all voted it a grand good time.

FENWICK.

Low Slocum and son have been cutting wood for L. J. Jenks the past week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward, March 26, a boy. Their daughter from Long Lake is staying with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loring are rejoicing over another granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Comstock of Bushnell.

Dave Clark broke his right leg while helping E. J. Kendall, Thursday. Drs. Johnson of Sheridan and Smith of Fenwick attended him.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Thursday, March 25th, Mr. Frank Willett and Miss Clara Lee, both of Fairplains. The happy couple will spend some time visiting friends at Ionia and Clarksville.

A Last Resort For Dinner.

For sheer originality in matters of food I commend the following directions, which one of the Parisian papers gave to its subscribers. The supplies were getting lower and lower in the Prussian girl city. Seine gudgeons would not bite, so the anglers took to the sewers. "Take a long, strong line and a large hook. Bait with tallow and gently agitate the rod. In a few minutes a rat will come and smell the savory morsel. It will be some time before he decides to swallow it, for his nature is cunning. When he does, leave him five minutes to meditate on it, then pull strongly and steadily. He will make convulsive jumps, but be calm and do not let his excitement gain on you. Draw him up, et voila votre diner."—London News.

A New Danger to Firemen.

At a recent fire in the basement of a Chicago electric power house the firemen had great trouble in getting at the blaze. They had to chop holes in the floor of the dynamo room before they could get a stream on the blazing pile of waste. Not waiting for the dynamos to be shut down, they crept through the black smoke and turned a stream on the flames. In an instant they were flung to the ground with great violence, and the hose was sent flying into the air. A heavy current had passed along the stream and had shocked them. Though unconscious when rescued, they quickly recovered.—Electrical Review.

The Scientific Mind.

At the Vagabonds' dinner Sir John Robinson said he remembered in 1870, when the air was full of war and the news intelligence thrilling, he met a man of science who asked, "My dear fellow, when are you going to give us something of interest in the papers—something about sun spots?" This was not a scientific joke, Sir John assured his audience, but an actual symptom of that man's mental condition.—Westminster Gazette.

Mud wasps manifest great ingenuity not only in building their nests, but in placing them in localities where they will not be injured by rain or predacious animals.

For over 400 years every Parthian king bore the name of Araces in addition to his own.

Do not talk of your private, personal or family matters.

AN ATLANTA ENTERPRISE OF GREAT MERIT.

It affords us pleasure to call especial attention to the advertisement of the "Mother's Friend," appearing in this issue.

The Bradford Regulator Co., of Atlanta, Ga., have at great expense issued a most attractive and meritorious book, which they mail free, containing information of the greatest value and importance to all ladies expecting to become mothers.

That the "Mother's Friend" is a remedy wonderful in its effects, and relieves the expectant mother of incredible suffering and robs the final hour of confinement of its dread, pain and terror, is fully attested by the experience of happy mothers all over this continent.

A perusal of the book will convince any lady, and the use of "Mother's Friend" cause her to become its enthusiastic friend, blessing the hour when first she heard of it and was induced to use it.

Send your name and address to The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., and receive in return, free, this excellent book, "To Expectant Mothers," containing information of value to all ladies.

Every wise man has a parachute of prudence attached to his balloon of enthusiasm.

Cultivate a short memory as to all unkindnesses.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, tender our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for sympathy and kindly rendered during the sick and burial of our beloved husband, father, also to the choir for their singing which was highly appreciated. Mrs. Wm. Schreiner. H. S. SCHREINER.

Something to Depend on.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden, Pa. could do nothing for her. He seemed to develop into Hasty's consumption. Having Dr. King's Discovery in store, and selling to him, he took a bottle home, and to his surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Trial bottles at Fisk Bangs' Drug Store.

Many cases of "Grippe" have been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease, acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in such disease often leaves the patient weak. W. I. Benedict & Co.

CHOICE \$9.75 Of any Suit in Stock. CHOICE \$9.75 Of any Overcoat in Stock.

Bricker's Clearing Sale

The time to buy Clothing Cheap has arrived. The people of Belding surrounding country will never see the time when they can buy Clothing Cheap as we are going to sell during this great Clearing Sale. During months of February and March we shall offer the choice out of our stock of

SUITS AND OVERCOATS \$9.75

This includes our whole stock—no reserve.

Now is the time to buy \$15 to \$22 Suits and Overcoats for the small sum of \$9.75.

Men's Overcoats from \$4 to \$9.75. Men's Suits from \$4 to \$9.75. Boys Suits and Overcoats very Cheap.

Think and wonder, if you will, but don't wait until the choice Suits and Overcoats are gone. If you do, you lose bargains that don't come every day. Offer all Furnishing Goods at the same sweeping reduction.

ODD PANTS as low as 75c. Good heavy Pants from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Your choice out of about four hundred pairs Fine Dress Pants for \$3.67.

Our object in making this big sacrifice sale is to raise money. We are in debt, and must raise money to pay our creditors. Nothing but Cash will our goods at the prices quoted.

DRY GOODS—We are now commencing to receive the new spring styles in Prints, Outings, Dress Goods, Laces and other lines. A few more Ladies Cloaks, Jackets and Capes to close at cost.

Bridge St., Belding. **Bricker's Store**

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Where is the Best Place to buy GROCERIES?

Why, Reynolds beats them all He is down on Pleasant St.

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