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Prosecuting Attorney.....J. H. Chaddock  
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County Surveyor.....G. O. Bignell  
County Drain Commissioner.....F. A. Palmer  
Commissioner of Schools.....Elmer H. Hale  
Circuit Court Commis. ....G. P. Locke  
Notaries.....E. C. Spaulding

**CITY OFFICERS.**

Mayor.....Albert L. Spencer  
Clerk.....C. C. Eddy  
Treasurer.....F. N. VanPelt  
Marshal.....G. S. Foster  
City Attorney.....G. S. Roosevelt  
City Health Officer.....I. Ohlinger  
Justices of the Peace.....E. B. Lapham,  
C. E. Poole

Aldermen—First ward, John W. Moore, Alvin Morse; Second ward, A. M. Glass, James Avery; Third Ward, A. H. Locke, H. C. Curtis.  
Supervisors—First ward, Chas. Eddy; Second ward, J. T. Angell; Third ward, W. A. Wilder.

**CHURCHES.**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School at close of morning service. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. REV. O. J. GOLDEN, Pastor.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School at close of morning services. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. REV. W. L. MURGER, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at close of morning services. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. REV. W. L. MURGER, Pastor.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**—Prayer and praise service, eleven o'clock a. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Friday evening. REV. A. G. HARTLE, Pastor.

**H. L. VAN BENSCHOTEN,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW—Office in Belding Savings Bank Block, Belding, Mich.  
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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON—City Physician and Health Officer—Office at residence corner of Bridge and Centre sts. Office hours 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 p. m.

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if you want a stylish hair cut,  
if you want a refreshing shampoo,  
Or anything in the line of tonsorial work cleanly and carefully done, call on the above—under Holmes & Connell's drug store.

**Grand Rapids Daily Democrat**

It contains the full Associated Press dispatches. Arrives in Belding at 8:50. Delivered by Herma DeHart at 10c a week for six papers, 15c a week for seven days.

**City Steam Laundry.**

We Do Fine Work Promptly.

All Orders Gathered up and Delivered. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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WM. F. SANDELL, Loan Broker. Short time loans on any form of good security. Long time loans on high class real estate security. Office at The Commercial Bank.

## THE LECTURE COURSE.

**Belding Should Have It—Over 200 Pledged to Take Tickets.**

The lecture course project which Superintendent VanWinkle is pushing as fast as he is able to, is approaching the point where it may be an assured fact by a little more encouragement on the part of our citizens in the way of pledging to take tickets. Over 200 have already given their names agreeing to take full course tickets, the price of which is \$1.00. But it is necessary to have about 400 to insure the expenses of the seven entertainments. This number should quickly be made up, for surely no one could object to paying so small an amount for seven entertainments worth fifty cents each. The following is the list: Geo. W. Bain, Hon. Wallace Bruce, Hon. J. W. Giddings, Prof. Hamilton, J. W. Conary, The Mozart Symphony Company and the Smith Sisters Concert Company.

The names of Bruce, Bain, Giddings and others are among the foremost men on the lecture platform today and every person in this vicinity should hear them. Mr. VanWinkle says it is impossible to see all the people and solicit personally and desires those he has not interviewed to leave their names with Mr. Hetherington, Harry Connell or Mr. Leonard, and the number of tickets they will take. By all means let us have this excellent course of entertainments.

## DON'T SELL TO MINORS.

Relative to the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to minors it would hardly seem necessary to call the attention of dealers to the fact that a law is on the statute book prohibiting it. But indications are noticed every day on the streets that some one is disregarding the law. Young boys scarcely in their teens are discovered puffing away at the deadly cigarette or taking a chew of tobacco. Only a few days ago five or six boys, some of them not ten years old were discovered by teachers of our schools with a whole box of cigarettes in one of the out-buildings smoking and interchanging puffs. They were promptly confiscated by the superintendent and made to tell where they procured them. The superintendent and teachers of the schools are all up in arms over the matter and declare if another instance comes to their notice where children under their charge have been sold tobacco they will promptly make complaint. All good people will say Amen.

Joseph S. Preston, the Lyons pension attorney, and Wm. J. Catlin, of Lebanon, Clinton county, were indicted by the grand jury at Grand Rapids in connection with alleged pension frauds. The bail was fixed at \$1,000 which was furnished. The amount involved is \$800. The Herald says: "It appears that Mr. Preston, as a pension attorney, succeeded in getting allowed a pension claim of Mr. Catlin's father; and that he died just before the money was ready. In cases of this kind, who ever has defrayed the expenses of the deceased during his last illness, is entitled to be reimbursed by the government out of the pension fund. Catlin swore to a claim of large dimensions, it is alleged, and Preston, acting as a notary, took his acknowledgment, the claim eating up nearly all the accrued pension money. The government claims that the two men were acting in such a way that the entire situation constitutes fraud."

Lovers of onions are always endeavoring to find something to take away from their breath the taint that lingers after. The man in charge of answers-to-queries says: As good a way as any is to slice the onions, soak them for five minutes in pure cider vinegar, add a small carrot cut into pieces about the size of a pea, salt to taste, stir in a pinch of white pepper, put the mixture in a quart jar, screw up tight, and put away in the cellar for twenty years. Prepared in this manner they will not effect the breath in the slightest degree.

**The grandest Remedy.**

Mr. H. B. Groove, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Fisk Bangs' Drug Store.

**Croup Quickly Cured.**

MOUNTAIN GLEN, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. THORNTON. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Fisk Bangs, druggist.

## GENERAL DEMAND FOR POSTAL BANKS.

No proposition that has come before the people of late years has received the general and hearty approval from the press of the entire community as the plan for the establishment of postal savings banks. Not only do the big dailies of the cities as a rule approve of the agitation, but the newspapers in the smaller towns almost without exception commend the movement.

While the comments in the newspapers of the north and west are most numerous, the press of the east and south is by no means backward in supporting the agitation. Occasionally an old-time Democratic paper of the south opposes the plan on the ground that it is not the function of the government to do anything more than collect the revenues and protect life and property. These are the extreme representatives of the school which holds that that government is best which governs least. But for the most part the papers of the south support the movement for postal banks, and call attention to the especial need for them in that section of the country, where banks of all kinds are scarce and where places of safe deposit for small savings are very far apart.

This discussion of the subject in the press of the whole country must have the effect of preparing the minds of congressmen for speedy action as soon as they shall meet again in Washington. The unanimity of the press is a sure indication that the people desire the establishment of postal savings banks.—Chicago Record.

Sanctification of speech excludes malicious words. The greater part of the heart-aches of the world can be traced back to unkind words. They are in large part responsible for life's wretchedness and failures. It is not always the words that are intended to injure that do the most harm. Sometimes a thoughtless insinuation is taken upon the wings of gossip and passed from lip to lip until Slander stamps her seal upon it and declares it true. The air may hardly stir with the whispered word, yet as it goes from tongue to tongue it gathers force until at last even the noisy city hears its import, and a name that at sunrise was fair and stainless, lies at eventide low in the dust.—Rev. J. T. Badgley.

The poll tax question has been much discussed this week in Muir. Treasurer VanAntwerp had about 60 polls on his tax roll, and succeeded in gathering in all but about a dozen of them. The others refused to pay, claiming exemptions in various ways, and the discussion that followed pretty effectually settled one thing—there will be no poll tax assessed in Muir next year. That particular tax has been a source of trouble to every treasurer for years, and unless it can be assessed against and collected from the able bodied person able to pay as well as from the laborers who seem to have been about the only ones to pay in the past, it ought not to be assessed at all.—Muir Tribune.

Every business must have its "ups and downs," and the average publisher of a newspaper is no exception to the rule. Did you ever stop to think of it? This week you write and print an article; some man gets mad as blazes and orders his paper stopped. The same article pleases others and they resolve to subscribe. In the next issue of the paper there is an article which the man who stopped his paper would not have missed for several times the subscription price. He then becomes a borrower of the paper from his neighbor, and wonders why it continues to exist since he discontinued his subscription.

Charity is the perfection of friendship. It is the part of the better man that enables him to always construe the words and actions of others in the least unfavorable light. Without it, friendship is of little worth. Deal not harshly with the errors and mistakes of those about you, for our deficiencies but prove the weakness of all humanity.—Ex.

A pure and true life moulds hundreds into its likeness, though the copyist and the one copied may never know of the fact. And does not this give to life a dignity, a meaning which we never dreamed of in our grosser moods and ways of living? It is then, indeed, that one feels it to be a great thing to live!—Exchange.

As ships meet at sea a moment together, when words of greeting must be spoken, and then away upon the deep, so men meet in this world, and I think we should cross no man's path without hailing him, and if he needs, giving him supplies.—Boecher.

"Write your name in kindness, in love and in mercy on the hearts of the thousands with whom you come in contact year by year, and you will never be forgotten."

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



**UNANSWERED.**

Why is it that the tenderest feet must tread the roughest road?  
Why is it that the weakest back must carry the heaviest load?  
While the feet that are surest and firmest have the smoothest path to go.  
While the back that is straightest and strongest has never a burden to know.

Why is it the brightest eyes are the ones soon dim with tears?  
Why is it the lightest heart must ache and ache for years?  
While the eyes that are hardest and coldest shed never a bitter tear,  
And the heart that is smallest and meanest has never an ache to fear.

Why is it those who are saddest have always the gayest laugh?  
Why is it those who need not have always the "biggest hair"?  
While those who have never a sorrow have seldom a smile to give,  
And those who want just a little must strive and struggle to live.

Why is it the noblest thoughts are the ones that are never expressed?  
Why is it the grandest deeds are the ones that are never confessed?  
While the thoughts that are like all others are the ones we always tell,  
And the deeds worth little praise are the ones that are published well.

Why is it the sweetest smile has for its sister a sigh?  
Why is it the strongest love is the love we always pass by?  
While the smile that is cold and indifferent is the smile for which we pray,  
And the love we kneel to and worship is only common clay.

Why is it the things we can have is the things we always refuse?  
Why is it none of us lead the lives if we could we'd choose?  
The things that we all can have are the things we always hate,  
And life seems never complete no matter how long we wait.

—Elizabeth Stewart Martin, in the Chicago Mail.

**CARNIVAL EXCURSION TO GRAND RAPIDS AT SPECIAL LOW RATES.**

There will be a hot time in the old town during the last week of October, and to make it easy for everybody to enjoy the Carnival attractions and do a little business too, the D. G. R. & W. Ry. will run excursions from various points at very low rates. The day fixed upon for the excursion from Belding is October 29. Train will leave at 8:30 a. m. and arrive at Grand Rapids at 11:45. Leave returning at 11:15 p. m. Round trip rate \$1.00. If you wish to stay longer, purchase a ticket at one fare rate good until Saturday, October 30th. Great attractions day and night all the week. Late trains returning will enable all to see the festivities at night and reach home by daylight. Sleep on the cars and have no expense for lodging.  
GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Frank W. Hutchings, 24, Washington, D. C.;  
Eva L. Manning, 23, Lyons.  
William Gellendin, 24, Ionia;  
Ida Gierman, 22, Ionia.  
Geo. Wood Jr., 27, Belding;  
Sadie L. Conklin, 22, Belding.  
Lewis J. Foster, 37, Saranac;  
Mrs. Belle Turner, 24, Ionia.  
Jas. Gallagher, 27, Ionia;  
Mary Fee, 20, Ronald.  
Sanford Rogers, 67, Coopersville;  
Mrs. Mary J. Fuller, 64, Easton.  
Joseph Hanson, 30, Otisco;  
Anna Hoether, 20, Otisco.  
Amos Bodine, 23, Ionia;  
Amanda Miller, 17, Lyons.  
Harmon Smith, 63, Ionia;  
Fannie I. VanLoten, 31, Orleans.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We desire to express our gratitude to the many kind neighbors who came to our assistance in the sudden loss of our beloved wife and mother; doing all in their power to help in this hour of trouble.  
NATHAN H. STANTON,  
CLARENCE STANTON,  
IRU A. STANTON,  
MRS. CORA WATKINS.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for their assistance through the death and burial of our loved one, also for the beautiful music and floral offerings from the Washington club. They will always be remembered with loving thoughts by us.  
MRS. HENRY GREEN AND FAMILY.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Fisk Bangs.

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THE best Flour made then try Rutan & Co. It is simply fine since their last improvement. We sell Pillsbury's best. If you want spring wheat flour that is best. We sell entire wheat flour, also Ralston's Breakfast Food. Extract of Beef for sickness. White Fish in kits, 45c. Everything in Spices and the best pure Cider Vinegar, all of which comply with the pure food laws of Mich. And the best of all is we are agents for Chase & Sanborn's Teas and Coffees, which have no equal on earth.

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Is said to be very abundant in the Klondike country, but to it is a perilous adventure. But you run no risk in buying **Goldies of Reynolds** for you can get the best the land affords with very little Gold value. Also a good variety of School supplies consisting of tablets, pens, pencils, ink, muclilage and nice paper. Just around the corner on Pleasant street.

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