

'ROUND ABOUT US.

News Items Gathered in by the Banner's Staff of Special Correspondents.

Grattan.

Richard Bowler, a pioneer lies at the point of death from gangrene of the foot.

Little Kitty Lessiter is making a three days' visit with her cousins at Uncle Charles Eddy's.

Dr. G. M. Spencer has bought the house and lot next to him on the east and is repairing the house.

"Grandma" Elkins has bought the house and more than one lot of land between the stores and extending bank.

Fred Cornell who is a very fine musician, will give music lessons in our vicinity, and we predict his class will grow.

Mrs. Tom Brooks can use her right hand a little more than before going to Ann Arbor, but the improvement will be very slow.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Smith have returned from near Graton, South Dakota, and will make a lengthy visit with relatives here.

Mrs. M. A. Lessiter visited Grand Rapids relatives over Sunday, and is in Belding today, May 2, with her sister, Mrs. P. McCauley, taking dinner with their old time friend, Mrs. C. Eddy.

P. Keating's family were notified by telephone that their grandmother, Mrs. Driscoll passed away at Grand Rapids Monday evening. Grandma Driscoll was very nearly 100 years old, and near friends estimate her age as past a century. Her grandsons started for the city early yesterday and will attend the burial services today, May 2. The remains will probably be brought to the Grattan Catholic cemetery as grandma was for many years a resident here in our town's early history. How true the words: "Friend after friend departs," and how fast our pioneers are departing.

Orleans.

House cleaning is in order at present.

Mable Palmer, was in Grand Rapids Monday.

James Lane, is painting A. B. Grant's house.

B. F. Hall and wife, of Belding, were in town Saturday.

A. D. Purdy, of Smyrna, was in town Saturday.

Royal Hawkins and wife, spent Wednesday, in Ionia.

Mrs. Chas. Leach and Mrs. Wm. Cotton, were in Ionia Thursday.

Mrs. A. W. Simmons, is making her parents near Lansing, a visit.

Miss Anna Briggs, entertained a lady friend of Belding, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nichols, of Portland, were visitors at Chas. Leache's over Sunday.

George Purdy and family and Ida Ray, were guests at Al. Wycoffs, of Montcalm Co., over Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Fannie Smith, May 9. You are cordially invited to attend.

The Women's Foreign Mission society met with Mrs. T. R. McDonald, Friday afternoon, a very interesting programme was rendered.

Yale Coffee is blended by experts and roasted by the new process, which preserves the strength and fine flavor. You will save 25 per cent by their use. J. M. York.

North Orleans.

Will Morris has a very bad boil on his hand.

J. Pretzel and A. Brown were in Belding Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz visited their daughter in Detroit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haight from Ionia were at Long Lake Monday.

Mrs. Canivan, Mrs. Salyer and daughter-in-law were guests at Mrs. Andrew Glosser's Friday.

There will be a box social Saturday evening, May 5, at Andrew Glosser's, proceeds to go towards a library for the Chittle school. All are invited.

One day last week as Mr. Divine was at work in his field, his horses ran away taking with them a stone boat and about 100 feet of barb wire they broke from a fence, tearing down about 40 rods. They ran to Charley Brown's grist mill and stopped under the shed.

If made right a trial will convince you that Yale Coffee is the richest smoothest and most delicate flavored coffee you ever tasted. J. M. York.

A smiling face often covers an aching heart.

Smyrna.

Mrs. Bailey, who has been very sick is improving.

Miss Myrta Ellis Sundayed with friends at Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sparks Sundayed at Dell Purdy's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bignell was in Peach Avenue on Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Northway is some better. She is attended by Dr. Pinkham.

Milan Richmond has gone to Big Rapids to attend the Ferris school.

Mrs. Ed Green, our landlady, is sick and does not improve very fast. Dr. Bell attends.

Mrs. Sam Skellenger has been very sick for two weeks. Dr. Pinkham attended her.

A letter has been received from Clay Tallman. They are coming home as Bertha is worse.

C. W. Joslin made a tour last week which included Saginaw, Bay City, Traverse City, Cadillac and Reed City.

The L. O. T. M. will give an ice cream social Saturday evening, May 5th. Everyone come. 5 cents a dish.

Mr. Cyrus Ring and daughter have been at the farm in Peach Avenue for a week rusticiating and enjoying the fine weather.

Milo Dicken has exchanged his team with Elmer Fales for a driver and the difference. They will go to Kendallville to draw latex.

The Gleaners gave a hop on Friday evening, at Hotel Green, about 30 couple being present. A pleasant time was enjoyed.

The school children gave a social on Thursday evening for benefit of commencement, clearing \$9. Ice cream and cake was on the bill of fare.

The Crusaders are not getting any converts as yet, but quite a number attend their meetings. The beating of drums and playing of string instruments, call the people together.

Albert Northway, our worthy townsman, made up his mind it was not good for man to live alone, and is now a married man. A long life and a happy one is the wish of your many friends.

Vergennes Station.

Elder Mudge is expected here next Sunday.

Charles Rennells visited his parents Sunday.

Ada Church leaves for her home at Evart this week.

Ralph Ford expects to leave for So. Dakota this week.

Mrs. Mollie Delaney moved to Lowell last week Tuesday.

Fred Miller is working on the Frank and Monta Sayles farm.

P. Houlihan took J. Mosher out for a drive Sunday afternoon.

Fred Potruff and family have moved back from Grand Rapids to his farm.

Mrs. Heffron of Lowell was the guest of Mrs. Guy Norton last week Friday.

Mrs. Guy Norton and daughter visited at Parnell several days last week.

Mrs. J. Mosher visited her son, Willis DeGraw, last week, Thursday, at Easton.

Mr. Booky and Miss Herrington from Cannonsburg were guests at D. Church's Sunday.

Rev. S. T. Morris and wife of Lowell honored us with their presence at the convention Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Campbell and Mrs. Alice Brown of Lowell called on Alton friends last week Friday.

Mrs. Jane Church and granddaughter leave this week, Wednesday, for Evart, for a visit with her sons, Jasper and Chester.

A very pleasant, enjoyable and profitable time was had Sunday at the S. S. convention held here. People from Bailey, Lowell and Belding were present. A. T. Demorest and Prof. A. L. Marvin honored us with their cheerful presence.

Bartonsville.

Ben Lou went to Ionia, last Wednesday on business.

Charley Ayers of Smyrna is working for Fred Richmond.

Lula Tower working for Mrs. Joe Warner the past week.

Milo Richmond, has gone to Big Rapids to attend school.

C. J. King of Belding, is at his old home trimming peach trees.

Nellie Tower visited her friend Miss Lucie Richmond last Sunday.

The School social held at John Kriffs was well attended and was a success financially.

Rex Tablets cure nervous dyspepsia.

Avon-Keene.

Aunt Jane Hull is very feeble. Farmers are busy sowing their oats. House cleaning is on the program now days.

Robert Abbott has hired out to Mr. Fashbaugh for the summer.

Mrs. R. N. Sparks and son, Floyd, visited her sister in Lowell Sunday.

Eugene Rennells and family of Saranac, visited at Mary Abbott's Sunday.

Frank King and wife and Byron Rich and family visited at John Hoskins' Sunday.

Mr. Keech of Johnston is on our road again with his grocery wagon, it being quite an accommodation to the farmers.

Joe Besser's colt became frightened at an engine last Monday, and ran away and badly demoralized the buggy, but Joe did not get hurt.

Otto Stanton and Eunice Sherman, were married last Wednesday. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life. They will leave in about two weeks for Iron River where he has a situation in a mine.

Wolverton Plains.

Sate Abbey spent last week with her parents.

Lydia Boone went to Coral Friday, returning Saturday.

Fred Long of Edmore, was in town the first of the week.

W. Benjamin of Nelson, was the guest of J. Wise last Tuesday night.

J. Wise and wife, and L. Johnson, visited friends near Stanton Sunday.

The surprise rag bee for Mrs. J. Wise last Wednesday was well attended.

Nelson Griffith, wife and son visited their parents, J. M. Haslow and wife Sunday.

Mr. Clark and wife of Orleans, were the guests of H. L. Johnson one day last week.

Mrs. E. B. Wise called on her old friend, Alice Pulhemus last week, and found her much better.

Albert D. Wise who spent last week with his parents, returned to Cadillac Monday. He, with his mother visited at Smyrna last Thursday and Friday.

Shiloh.

Mrs. Dora Race is quite low at this writing.

Ed. Decker was a visitor at Frank Stevens' Sunday.

Henry Leach, of Grand Rapids, is visiting among relatives here.

John Essex visited with relatives in Belding Saturday and Sunday.

May flowers are here but no rain, a nice shower would be welcomed by all.

Aaron Beasley has moved his family to Port Stanley where he has been engaged to work.

Measels have found their way to this vicinity and are making themselves quite familiar.

L. Stoddard has nearly completed his job of hauling lumber and expects to move to Belding soon.

Nelson Haysmere has moved his family to the Bigelow farm where he expects to work this summer.

No Missing Link.

Rockford, Mich., — Mr. A. H. Clark, a well known merchant of this place, furnishes the evidence lacking in most remedies, to prove that Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment cures piles. He says: "After suffering for over 20 years with itching piles and finding little relief in any known remedy, I found a perfect cure in one box of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment. I would not take \$10 a box for it if I could not obtain more."

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FOR THE FARMER.

The Maryland experiment station has published some experiments with feeding pigs. Some of the important results are:

It was found that with some rations the gains on pigs could be produced as low as 2 1/2 cents per pound.

In all the tests where properly compounded rations were used pork was produced at a profit when the pigs were not allowed to become too old.

The cost of producing a pound of pork increases with the age of a pig. The aim should be to produce from 150 to 200 pound pigs at 6 to 7 months old for the greatest profit.

Skimmed milk was found to have a feeding value for pigs equal to fully double the price charged at most of the creameries of the state.

Separator skimmed milk at one-half cent per gallon and linseed and gluten meals at \$15 per ton have about the same value for balancing rations for pig feed.

Cream or king gluten meal was found to be more economical for balancing rations for pigs than linseed meal.

Ground fodder, such as the new corn product, was found to be a valuable addition to rations for pigs.

Raising Squabs.

Breeding pigeon squabs for market is profitable. The best stock is the homing pigeon, it being of good size, prolific, faithful in feeding and of good appearance when dressed. The best results are with birds not allowed their freedom, but with wired in areas for exercise. The fittings of a loft are nest boxes and roost places beside them, drinking and bath dishes, a box of salt and a lump of rock salt. The food required is corn, wheat and Canada peas, with barley, oats and buckwheat occasionally and hemp and millet once in awhile; also green food, as lettuce or cabbage. Some prefer to let the breeders mate as they please; others, desiring size, make the selections. The old birds feed and care for the young until almost of market size, the youngsters bringing better prices if taken before they must shift for themselves, as they at once begin to lose. Squabs are sold dressed and are always in demand.

Irish Potatoes.

Irish potatoes are grown in hills or ridges or in trenches, according to local conditions, says the Philadelphia Ledger. In New Jersey the trench gives best results, except in very moist situations. The reason in it is the roots are deep down when started. As the plant grows the soil is drawn from either side about it, letting it keep only its head above until the level is reached, when it is let grow, and the vigor in it soon gives the leaf growth that covers the soil and prevents the weeds getting a hold. Very early potatoes come to market from New Jersey by sprouting the seed indoors in sand or in moistened blankets or even in warm cellars, cutting to the sprout, setting in trenches in warm spots and when there is danger of frost covering the head entirely over with the earth or with straw. It is trouble, but for the market gardener with the fancy trade or the home grower with his little garden it pays.

Wheat Bran.

The farmer who grows wheat can make a good profit in selling his wheat and buying wheat bran to feed out, says American Cultivator. The pound of wheat will nearly pay for two pounds of bran, and the bran if sweet and in good condition is worth more per pound to feed to cows in milk, those soon to calve, to growing young stock, sows in pig or for sheep before lambing and while lambs are with them than the whole wheat would be. If it is not fattening or heating enough at other times, the wheat can be sold and corn bought and still leave a balance in pocket. It is much like softening the butter fat from the milk and feeding calves or pigs on skimmed milk, which is better for them and has not so high a selling value. If more fat is wanted, a little linseed meal or flaxseed meal will give it at less cost than butter fat.

Blended Flour.

At an Illinois farmers' institute an object lesson was given in the value of blended flour, says The Rural New Yorker. Wheat flour mixed with cornmeal was made into biscuits, which were given away and eaten. The use of corn with wheat cheapens the flour without lowering its nutritive value, and, if sold as blended flour, it would supply an honest product at a cheaper rate than wheat only. The corn producing states are naturally interested in any effort to increase the use of their cereal. Only let it be described as "blended flour." Instead of masquerading as wheat alone. We now have a law compelling such flour to be stamped and branded. Like the oleo fraud, all these adulterators want to make a cheap counterfeit, to be sold as a genuine article.

Adulterated Feeds.

The director of the Maine experiment station gives out notice that much adulterated feeding stuff has been sold in Maine during the past six months under the names of winter wheat bran, winter wheat mixed feed, etc., which have heretofore been allowed to pass without inspection and analysis. They are found to contain refuse from broom corn factories, corncobs and similar materials, and instead of having, as good bran should have, about 16 per cent protein they have from 9.3 to 12 per cent and thus are worth from less than two-thirds to three-fourths the value of pure bran. Hereafter such goods must be branded and guaranteed according to their actual composition.

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