

Local Brevities.

Short Items of Interest Relating to the Town and Its People, told in a Single Paragraph.

W. C. Sheldon is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Walter Meach spent Monday in Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Putnam were in Grand Rapids Monday.

F. Stokes left Wednesday for a business trip to Kalamazoo.

Capt. Schwarz left Wednesday for a few days visit in Bay City.

Mrs. G. E. Culler spent Wednesday in Greenville visiting relatives.

Miss Jessie Barnum spent the fore part of the week in Grand Rapids.

Miss Dacie Sunderlin of Ionia spent Friday with Miss Myrtle McCreary.

Dave Friedman is spending a few days in Detroit this week on business.

Sam Brooks and wife of Ensey were guests of E. B. Berry and wife over Sunday.

Fred King returned to his home in Hancock this week after a few week's visit in this city.

Mrs. C. Stanton spent Wednesday in Lowell, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. John White.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Driese spent Sunday and Monday in Chadwick visiting Asa Dorr and wife.

Mr. E. Friedman, of Detroit spent Tuesday and Wednesday in this city visiting his son Abe.

Geo. Hyler and wife left Monday for Lansing where they expect to make their future home.

Roy Cunningham returned to his position with Spring & Co. at Grand Rapids, Monday morning.

Miss Zadie Wilson, the popular clerk in Lincoln's store, spent Sunday with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ed. Trull left Wednesday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. Hellen, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks entertained their grandfather, Mr. E. R. Brown of Stanton over Sunday.

Adj. Mc Kenzie of Grand Rapids will give a Stereoptical lecture tonight in the Salvation Army hall.

A grand march and drill with scarfs forming a bicycle drill by 12 girls at the carnival, at the Opera House, February 9th.

Mrs. J. Griffith, who has been visiting relatives in Chicago for the past month, returned to her home in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Lottie King returned to her home in Greenville, Monday, after having spent several weeks with relatives in this city.

The Baptist ladies of the second ward will serve a hot tea at the home of Mrs. W. D. Ballou Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p. m.

Solon Moore while repairing a tripod for a camera last Saturday accidentally ran a broken piece of the same into his right hand inflicting a very painful wound.

Don't miss the Children's Grand Carnival and see the boys and girls in Greek costumes, the shepherd's drill, Bopeep and Little Boy Blue at the Opera House, February 9th.

The Oak Leaf Club party which was to have been held February 12th, has been postponed to Friday Feb. 13, owing to the Concert Course number at the Opera House on that date.

The Ranney Refrigerator Co. have purchased two new 80-horse power boilers which were shipped from the factory last week. The wreck caused by the explosion is fast being cleared away and the company will soon be running along the same as usual.

Lewis Sagendorf, a well remembered Belding boy has severed his connection with the Winchester Lumber Co. at Slocum Grove, Mich., and has accepted a position with a Hackley, Wis. lumber company at \$100 per month besides house rent and fuel.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barber, of Belding are stopping for a few days in Saranac with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barber, while Burt is utilizing the time by superintending the building of a refrigerator in the Arco-Ford building for J. C. Post, Saranac Local.

Fred Falabee a cigarmaker met with a painful accident at Hotel Bricker last week by making a mistake as he was descending a flight of stairs falling foremost down the same; in falling he threw his right arm forward to protect himself and dislocated it at the elbow. Dr. Dutt assisted by Stanton reduced the dislocation.

Rev. Butler preached an appropriate sermon Sunday morning to the Christian Endeavorers, from the text "Who knowest but thou hast come into the Kingdom for such a time as this." The Endeavor movement was organized 22 years ago in Portland, Me., especially to interest the boys and girls in religious work and it has grown to wonderful proportions, and there are 62,000 societies reaching every land and composed of 4,000,000 members.

Mrs. C. S. Barnes spent Sunday with relatives in Stanton.

Frank D. Donaldson is spending a few days in Ionia this week.

Elsie Foster is visiting the family of G. G. Terwilliger at Williamston.

Mr. Will Weaver, of Grand Rapids is visiting at Mrs. J. Wilson's this week.

T. Frank Ireland was confined to the house by sickness the first of the week.

The event of the season, Peet Brothers, Opera House, Monday, Feb. 9.

Ralph Lloyd left Monday for Chicago where he will visit relatives a few days.

The Mutual Improvement Club will meet with Mrs. Art. Coles Friday afternoon, Feb. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Graham, of Mt. Pleasant are visiting at Mrs. Frank Mason's this week.

Progressive peanut socials are the latest addition to the world of society and social functions.

Fred King and family moved to Ionia Wednesday where they expect to reside in the future.

S. S. Smith has purchased the old Spencer place on the corner of Congress and Hanover Streets.

The children of Rev. J. E. Butler who have been sick with measles for several weeks are recovering.

Edmond Randall visited his sister Mrs. Geo. Foster last week and attended the Gridley Club banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mercer and Geo. Shipman and sister of Belding, visited with friends at Trufant Sunday.

Martin Wilcox is suffering from a painful accident caused by running an eight penny nail into his foot last Wednesday.

Quite a company of Odd Fellows and Rebecca visited the Greenville Lodge Wednesday evening, assisting in the initiation.

Lewis Sagendorf, of Slocum Grove, arrived Wednesday for an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. E. L. Kendall in this city.

Mrs. B. A. Parker was home from Portland to attend to some business matters and make her daughter Mrs. J. T. Angell a brief visit Monday.

Mary Parker's Little Pickaninies and Concert Co. at the opera house Thursday evening, February 12th. Reserved seats on sale Monday.

W. B. Reed and wife went to Grand Rapids Tuesday remaining over night to attend the theater and witness the presentation of the Burgomaster.

A. B. Carter and wife left Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Maple Rapids and Perrinton. They expect to be gone a couple of weeks.

Henry Friedly sold six of his fine Minorca hens to Nathan Hanks last week. Friedly states that before he arrived home four of them laid eggs.

The Pioneer society held its annual reunion at Hotel Phelps last week Wednesday, Mrs. Wm. Lessiter and Mrs. Dr. Coyville were present from this city.

The public library located in Benedict's drug store is growing in popularity, new books are being constantly added. Nine new members were enrolled in January.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Edith Dimmick and Mr. Bert Storey Friday night at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dimmick.

The music loving public cannot fail to appreciate an entertainment of such unusual merit as that of the Peet Brothers who appear at the Opera House, Feb. 9.

The marriage of Mrs. R. Godfrey, of this city and Mr. Bangs, of St. Louis took place at the latter home Tuesday afternoon Feb. 3. Mr. Bangs is well to do farmer and they will reside on his farm near St. Louis.

Sixteen of the girls at the R. S. Co's boarding house held a little party of their own last Friday night at the boarding house with Mrs. Stanton as chaperone. Flinch was played and refreshments were served. The event was a very pleasant one.

Regular meeting of Doric Chapter, O. E. S., Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th, with initiation. A large attendance of members desired. The officers please take notice and meet at the Chapter room for rehearsal Saturday evening of this week, at 7:30 o'clock.

The committee in charge of the Gridley Club banquet announce an auction sale of all the bunting, table horses and other utensils used at the banquet to be held in the old post office building on Saturday evening, Feb. 7. F. A. Washburn and B. F. Hall will act as auctioneers and a big crowd is desired.

Only one remedy in the world that will at once stop itching of the skin in any part of the body; Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

SORRY TO LOOSE THEM.

Newaygo People Regret to Have L. E. Green and wife Leave There

With much regret we learn that Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Green will soon return to Belding. Mr. Green will still own the hardware establishment or at least an interest in it, and his brother, Mr. Platt C. Green, will conduct the business. Mr. Green has received an offer of a salary in a manufacturing establishment in Belding which he does not feel that he can afford to refuse. During their residence here both Mr. and Mrs. Green have made a host of friends who will join 'The Republican in wishing them the best success wherever their lot may be cast. That they regret leaving they frankly admit, and but for the reason above given would not think of doing so. Newaygo Republican.

J. A. SPENCER PROPERTY SOLD.

S. S. Smith Purchased It—He will Build another House on the Site.

S. S. Smith proprietor of Bridge st., meat market has purchased the J. A. Spencer property on the corner of Hanover and Congress streets. It is a fine location and the property consists of two lots, a house and barn.

It is Mr. Smith's intention to convert the barn into a dwelling house. Adam Wagner made the sale through his real estate agency and the consideration was \$2250.

On Meter System.

The rate of 6c per kilowatt adopted by the council for metered lights, ought to be satisfactory to consumers. In the towns corresponded with they ranged from 5c. to 10c., probably the most averaging from 8c. to 10c. The cost of residence lighting during the Summer season should be small; and with economical use throughout the year, should not be burdensome. Furthermore, it is believed more residences can be lighted and the revenue increased, which will certainly be of service in paying the municipal debt.

Pay Your Dog Tax.

Township Treasurer Stone, of Portland has an opinion from the prosecuting attorney which will be of interest to owners of dogs who evade paying taxes on them. The prosecutor says it is lawful for the treasurer to seize property to satisfy dog tax the same as any other tax and the treasurer may be obliged to do this in certain cases.

Otisco Republican Caucus.

A caucus of the republican voters of Otisco will be held in Cook's hotel at Cook's Corners Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing 12 delegates to the county convention and to transact such other business as may come before it.

By order of Committee.

The wife of Jacob Englebert, who lives two miles south of this city, died Sunday morning of consumption.

Besides her husband she leaves two children, aged two and four years, to mourn her loss. The funeral was held Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock, in the church at Mirian, Rev. Father Muir officiating.

The checking arrangements at the banquet for coats and hats under direction of Guy D. Weter was a special feature which greatly pleased the large crowd. It was so systematically arranged that there was no inconvenience occasioned when the wraps were called for.

The ground hog came out of his hole Monday forenoon disporting around in high glee for several hours but the cloudy weather caused him to think the back bone of winter was broken and on trying it again in the afternoon a ray of sunshine struck into his face as he poked his nose out and back he went to remain six weeks.

E. B. Lapham has gone to Battle Creek to attend a three days meeting of the Michigan Press Association being held there this week. The citizens of that city have made great preparations to entertain the editors and their wives during their stay in the city. Last evening they were accorded seats in the Opera House to witness "The Burgomaster." Today they will be shown through the principal industries and other points of interest. To night, C. W. Post, the millionaire owner of Post's tavern, will tender them a banquet which it is said will cost him \$6,000 a plate to serve. Every editor will also be presented with a case of 32 kinds of breakfast foods by the proprietors of the factories there.

What's the matter, old man? Been losing on wheat? "No, not that, forgot to take Rocky Mountain Tea last night. Wife said I'd be sick today. 35 cents. Connell Bros.

A Night Alarm.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fail to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst form of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier, of Mannington, Ky., writes: "My three year old girl had a severe case of croup; the doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Refuse substitutes. Sold by W. I. Benedict.

AMUSEMENTS.

Don't forget the Children's Grand Carnival at the Opera House, Friday evening, February 6th. 100 children will appear in various drills, Delsarte postures, songs and tableaux, all in new and elegant costumes. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 10 cents extra, children 15 cents. It will be a grand entertainment.

The High School have been very successful in the disposal of tickets for the Peet Brothers' entertainment at the Opera House Monday, Feb. 9, already a good house is assured, which only goes to show that the people of Belding are eager, both to patronize a company of real merit and to assist the students in their earnest struggle to pay the balance of the debt on the piano, which has been almost entirely paid for by their diligent efforts.

This company appears tomorrow evening in Greenville where they played last season to a crowded house and today enough tickets have been sold to fill the S. R. O. point for tomorrow night's entertainment there.

These calls for numerous return dates should prove to the satisfaction of everybody that this company of musical merit, it is seldom equalled and a cause deserving the liberal patronage of all. Tickets on sale by High school students and a few good reserved seats are left which may be procured at Hotel Belding.

In speaking of the Gridley Club banquet the Portland Observer remarks: Nothing which could have been done for the comfort and pleasure of Belding's guests on this occasion was left undone, and no money was spared to make the event just what was promised in advance—the most successful meeting in the club's history. Belding certainly did herself proud on that occasion and if she could hear the compliments which have been heaped upon her she would have considered herself amply repaid for all the trouble and expense she had been in entertaining such a gathering.

Belding republicans made the brilliant past of the Gridley republican club look like thirty cents, Friday evening. They had as their guests nearly 800 republicans of this county and cared for them all without confusion. The hall was beautifully decorated as were the tables, and the banquet surpassed anything of the kind ever attempted in the county. Through it all those who have been most active in promoting its success were becomingly modest and a stranger would have believed the affair was just an ordinary one for the silk city. Portland Review.

Call For Temperance Convention.

IONIA, MICH., Jan. 23, 1903.

Recognizing the liquor saloon as a continual menace to the home, the church and the state, we do hereby issue a call for the good citizens of Ionia county to meet at the Baptist church of Ionia, at 10:30 standard time, March 10, 1903, to organize the county along Anti-Saloon League lines.

The purpose of this organization may be stated as follows:

1. To look after better law enforcement in the county.

2. To provide for regular and systematic temperance work in the county.

3. To influence the nomination and election of men who will enforce the law.

4. To secure the petition of one-third of the voters of the county to the Supervisors asking them to submit the question, "Shall the manufacture and the liquor traffic be prohibited in the county of Ionia."

While temperance men sleep, saloons riot. We must awake and organize and build sentiment and be all at it and always at it till we win. Strong speakers will be present to address both morning and afternoon sessions. It is earnestly desired that all friends of temperance, irrespective of party or denomination, throughout the county, consider themselves delegates to this convention.

It is expected that every minister in Ionia county will see that a strong delegation of solid men and women are appointed to attend this convention. Ministers are ex-officio members of the convention. All are expected to be there. Let temperance business men understand that funerals, fires and Anti-Saloon conventions must be attended, whatever may come, even if their stores have to be closed, for a day in order to do it. The ladies will furnish a warm dinner at the church.

This call is being signed by hundreds of prominent voters in the county. If you are in favor of the call for the convention, write Dr. W. G. Hubbard, Supt. of the Mich. Anti-Saloon League, Lansing, Mich. and your name will be added to the call.

Mysterious Circumstances?

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and beat off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at Connell Bros. druggists.

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MANAGER WANTED—We desire to employ a trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage our business in this county and adjoining territory. Our house is well and favorably known. \$30.00 straight cash salary and all expenses paid each week by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent. Address Thomas J. Cooper, Manager, 1940 Caxton Building, Chicago, Ill.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Circles baled hay at \$10.00 ton in 15 ton lots. L. J. Helms.

FOR SALE—Good work team, weight 30 hundred. Inquire of Geo. Bell, 1200 1/2 miles south-west of Mirian.

FOR SALE—House and corner lot on Bridge st. with good barn for 5,000 and price inquire of W. S. Lamberton, Cashier Belding Savings Bank.

WOOD FOR SALE—Inquire of E. W. Ranney, Belding. Citizens phone 102.

FOR SALE—Lot with house and barn. House can't be built today less than \$1800. Will take \$1000; half down, the balance on time. Inquire of L. R. Waldo. Electric lights in house and barn and water works in lawn.

FOR SALE—One top buggy. Inquire of J. W. Ayling at the Frank Johnson place, Belding.

80-ACRE FARM for sale or trade. 4 1/2 miles from Belding. Terms easy. Inquire of L. L. Hattell.

FARM FOR SALE—The farm known as the Loveland farm. Practically new house, large barn, 143 acres of land, besides 11 city lots platted. It being within the city limits, affords excellent schooling facilities. It is within 30 minutes haul of a good market for all farm products. Price of farm, \$5500.00. Inquire of Chas. Brown, real estate agent, Belding, Mich.

CHOICE Cottage Lot, Crystal Lake, for sale, \$100. Take Organ in part payment. J. W. Box 13, City.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—MAIL ORDER BUSINESS. Give us your attention and mail us a card and we will send you our illustrated Catalogue of mail order goods free. It will tell you where to buy any and all goods at the lowest prices on earth. It costs you nothing and will surprise you. Lansing Specialty Co., Lansing, Mich., 115 Washington Avenue North.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A lady's muff on street in Belding. Inquire at John Donovan's.

FOUND—A ladies fur wrap, owner call at Baxsen office, prove property and pay for this notice.

MUSIC TEACHING.

MISS CORA HOPPOUGH—Teacher of piano and harmony. Date for Belding, all day Thursday and Friday forenoon of each week. Studio at W. I. Benedict's residence, Bridge street. 2-13-03

BELDING MARKETS.

BELDING, Feb. 5, 1903.

GRAINS, ETC.

Flour, #1 cwt. retail..... 2 10
" #2 cwt. retail..... 2 00
Corn Meal #1 cwt..... 1 10
Feed, #1 cwt. chop..... 1 15
" #2 cwt. chop..... 1 10
Wheat, #1 cwt. white..... 2 10
" #2 cwt. white..... 2 00
Rye, #1 bu..... 50
Corn #1 bu..... 50
Oats, #1 bu..... 40
Hay, baled, #1 ton..... 8 00/10 00
Beans, basis of 2 1/2 pickers #1 bu..... 1 75/2 00

FARM PRODUCE.

Butter #1 lb..... 18
Eggs #1 doz..... 17
Potatoes, new..... 40
Cabbage per dozen heads..... 30/40

MEATS.

Turkeys #1 live weight..... 10/12
Chickens #1..... 8
Veal #1 cwt. dressed..... 6 00/6 50
Beef #1 cwt. live..... 5 00/5 50
Pork #1 cwt. dressed..... 7 50/8 00
Salt Pork #1 cwt. live..... 5 50/6 00
Mutton, dressed, #1 cwt..... 7 00

FUEL.

Heach and Maple wood..... 3 75
Hard coal per ton..... 8 00
Pocahontas coal per ton..... 7 00
Soft coal per ton..... 5 50

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499 Special, 49 inches high, 9 wires, 12 stays, per rod.....	30c
458 Special, 45 inches high, 8 wires, 12 stays, per rod.....	27c
358 Special, 35 inches high, 6 wires, 12 stays, per rod.....	24c
410 Standard, 41 inches high, 10 wires, 6 stays, per rod.....	40c
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\$18 values go at..... **\$14.50**
\$15 values go at..... **12.00**
\$12 values go at..... **9.00**

ULSTERS.

\$12 values go at..... **\$8.00**
\$10 values go at..... **6.00**
\$8 values go at..... **4.00**

DUCK COATS.

All our \$1.00 duck coats go at..... **.75c**
All our \$1.50 and \$1.75 waterproof duck coats..... **\$1.25**

PANTS.

We have a large stock of corduroy pants in the \$2.50 and \$3.00 values go at..... **\$1.50**
\$1.75 and \$1.50 values go at..... **1.25**

The old Kentucky Jeans Pants, the best values ever offered in this vicinity.

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All our heavy Jersey Ribbed and fleece lined 75c and 50c values go at..... **.35c**

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Pretty Valentines, 1 CENT ENVELOPES FREE.

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