



### ENGINEER SMITH DIED

Wreck Caused By Sand Washing on Track.

Pile Up of Cars and Engine Was Fearful—Heavy loss to Railroad.

Engine No. 58 in charge of Engineer Elmer Smith, and fireman McNierny, jumped the track about two and one-half miles east of Lowell about 5:30 Tuesday morning, and the engine and five coaches were thrown into the ditch. The train was composed of empty coaches which had been used the day before for the Agricultural college excursion, and were en route to Grand Rapids when the accident occurred.

He died at Butterworth Hospital at 3 o'clock p. m., he was a cousin of the Mr. Smith who was in the wreck on engine No. 59 here a few weeks ago, and resides in Grand Rapids. Further particulars of the accident have been received as follows:

The heavy train was running at high speed, when Smith and his fireman felt the buggy trucks rise into the air. The engine buckled into the sand and the coupling between it and the tender broke. As the drivers struck the obstruction the great machine rolled over, shattering the cab and pinning the unfortunate Grand Rapids man under the boiler. The hot casing and steam from broken piping played about the man's limbs and for three hours, while the crew and help from nearby farm houses worked feverishly, the man withstood agonies and with almost no murmurs. Once taken out, it was found that he was internally injured, his left leg fractured and almost the entire body cooked. To add to his misery, the man was carted three miles in a hay wagon and brought to this city in a special train reaching here at 12:20 this afternoon. He was met by the police ambulance and taken to Butterworth hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Spencer.

### THE OAK LEAF CLUB.

Organized for Winter Entertainment Officers Elected Monday Night.

At a meeting of the Oak Leaf Club held in the rooms of Frank Harlan, Monday evening, preliminary arrangements were made for beginning a series of parties next month. A report of the affairs and record of the financial condition was made and everything was found to be in excellent shape, and it was decided to endeavor to make the coming season one of the best.

Frank Harlan was elected president; Ed. Benedict, vice president; Art Foss, secretary and W. L. Cusser, treasurer. Membership tickets for the season were placed at \$3.00 and the first party will be given in Hubbell Hall, Sept. 3.

### Silver Gray Notes.

Although the weather is a little warm and uncomfortable for enjoying the popular game of whist in their quarters over Clark's tombstone factory, yet the members of the Silver Grays Club meet there daily and work at their profession. H. L. Page and Thos. Hayden are reported to be the very best players in the city, the latter especially being an expert and a stickler for the correct rules of the game in accordance with the Code laid down by "Hoyle" or some other fellow equally as good.

These two gentlemen went up there Friday vowing not to allow them to make a point but it is stated on no less an authority by as good a man as A. Cusser, that Messrs. Lincoln and Locke who have grown gray and bald in the service, trimmed them up to the Queen's taste on the kind of whist Page and Hayden like to play best. Mr. Cusser thought a hack would be needed to bring the boys home.

### They Look Lonesome.

There are a dozen or more lonesome looking dwelling houses in the city. The good housewives and all the family except the husband are out on a vacation at some summer resort or visiting relatives. The man of the house and house cat are demure looking creatures and each bear a sad-eyed weary look. The house at night when the disconsolate man goes home to sleep is still as a graveyard, and every footfall wakes an echo that is weird in the extreme. Verily, verily, what is home without a wife.

A woman should be as young as possible. The fewer years she carries in the eyes of others, the greater her power to charm and win the battles of life. Rocky Mountain Tea keeps one young and beautiful. Connell Bros.

### CLOSED THE BOOKS.

Tax Loan Ass'n No. 2 Has Squared Accounts.

The last meeting of the Tax Loan Ass'n No. 2, was held Thursday night in the reception room of Hotel Belding and some of the faithful few who stuck by it and carried out the terms of the contract made with Belding Bros. & Co. when they established their silk mill here 12 years ago relative to guaranteeing the taxes for ten years were present.

A report was made by the secretary, E. E. Chapple, which showed a small balance of cash on hand in the hands of the treasurer and also four lots—one on the Sabin addition, two on the Ellis addition and one on the Belding addition belonging to the association.

It was decided by vote to offer them at auction to the highest bidder, take the proceeds and close up the affairs.

The bidding was spirited, the whole four being put up in a bunch and were knocked down by the auctioneer E. B. Lapham to E. E. Chapple for \$250. There was nothing left after paying up the indebtedness, much credit is due to the affairs of the association for their efficient manner in handling the business, and rounding it up to a finish.

L. L. Holmes was the president, E. E. Chapple secretary and Elmer E. Fales treasurer.

### THE WORK BEGINS.

On the Grand Rapids, Belding and Saginaw Electric Road.

Some eight or ten men are here working on the new electric railroad. They are clearing the right of way, and we understand the company have men the entire length of the route.

The new road spans a splendid country, and, without doubt, will be a paying investment to the promoters. The road leaves Grand Rapids thence to Belding, Sheridan, Crystal, Alma and on to Saginaw, striking many live towns and a very fertile country between the two points.

The new road will give the people of Sheridan an outlet. At the present time we are unable to go south or west and return the same day, but with the opening of the new route we are in direct communication with the two cities.

This new route gives Sheridan three roads, two steam and one electric, the Grand Trunk, Pere Marquette and Grand Rapids & Saginaw.—Sheridan Advertiser.

### HE LIKES IT.

A Former Editor Talks About the Daily—Thinks It All Right.

Grand Rapids, Aug. 24, '03. E. B. Lapham, Belding, Mich.,

Friend Lapham:—Vol. 1, No. 1, Daily Banner received Saturday and you may easily imagine was scanned with greatest interest by myself. It is certainly very creditable and should be appreciated by the good people of Belding. I am quite sure it did not cause you the anxiety that we felt over the first issue of the weekly Banner. I hope it may grow and expand as that has done and bring you financial returns adequate for the hard work done.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Lapham and my many other Belding friends with whom I was associated so many years, I am

Very truly

C. R. COWDIN.

### Public spirited Man.

H. F. Burch of Big Rapids was in the city Friday morning doing a little advertising for the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. Mr. Burch says he has no connection with the school and receives no pay for his services but is simply doing the work out of love for what he considers one of the best schools of its kind in the country. A good many of our young people can attest to what Mr. Burch says on the matter.

### Lost Ten Dollars.

George Puett an employee in one of the city factories received his pay Thursday and started out to liquidate several little bills that he had against him. In some way or other while going the rounds, he had the misfortune to lose a \$10 bill from his pocket. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Puett, and anyone finding it would confer a great and lasting favor by returning the same to him.

### Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventative of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Connell Bros. Druggists.

### FREE RURAL DELIVERY

County Will Be Covered With System.

Agent Has Been Arranging to Do So Forty-Five Routes Required.

P. H. Moore of Washington, D. C., a special agent of the Free Rural Delivery system of the Postoffice department is working in these parts bringing about a complete rural delivery system in Ionia county.

Our reporter interviewed Mr. Moore last Friday and gleaned the following information from the pleasant gentleman.

The county is fast being laid out and a complete rural system will be finished by Oct. 1st, and recommended to the department at that time and probably ordered to take effect by the first of November.

There will be 45 routes in the county which will furnish daily service to every rural resident in the boundaries of Ionia county. This will give another route out of Belding and a route out of Smyrna.

Mr. Moore said that the complete map of Kent county had been completed and that service had been ordered to take effect in that county on October 1st with a total of 68 routes covering the entire rural district.

### INTO THE NEW.

Richardson Co.'s Boarding House Now Occupied.

The new boarding house of the Richardson Silk Co. is so far completed that the kitchen and dining room are now in use and meals are being served to the large number of girl boarders in the spacious apartments. For several months they have been occupying temporary quarters in a board shanty where they have been well served considering the inconveniences.

The bed rooms will soon be in shape for furnishing and by Sept. 1, it is expected the entire house will be put in commission.

### OTISCO GETS EVEN.

For the Defeat Sustained at Orleans Center.

The game of base ball at Otisco last Saturday resulted in a complete victory for the home team, as Orleans Center was never in the game at any stage, and from the first inning the game was never in doubt. The grounds were wet, and several bad falls resulted because of slipping and also resulted in a much larger score than would have been the result had the diamond been in better condition. But as it was, it was a very good game of ball.

Next Saturday Otisco crosses bats with Strong.

The score by innings—  
Orleans Center 1 0 0 0 1 3 2 1 0 8  
Otisco..... 3 5 0 1 0 0 2 0 1 12

### Shower of Linen ;

The linen shower an ante-nuptial affair held at the residence of Marion Case, Friday afternoon was attended by a good company of Miss Barstow's lady friends and the occasion a very pleasant one, she was the recipient of many presents in the linen line.

Miss Barstow who has been a resident here for some time leaves soon for Pittsburg where she will be married to Mr. Don Wilson a young gentleman well known in this city and a brother of Mrs. J. E. Ferguson.

He has a home all ready to receive his bride in which they will be married.

### Disability Claim Paid.

Franklin Richmond whose health for the past year or two has been failing to such an extent that it has rendered him unfit for manual labor of any kind, has come under the total disability clause in the Foresters insurance contract.

A claim for one half of the amount was filed and a check for the amount \$500, was received Wednesday by Whitman Richmond in favor of his father. This feature of paying one-half in case of total disability is one of the strong points in the orders form of policy.

### AMUSEMENTS.

#### A Country Kid.

Greenville, Mich., Aug. 25. W. P. Hetherington:

Country Kid played to big house last night. You can strongly recommend the Country Kid to your patrons. T. I. PHELPS.

Makes homely women beautiful, good looking women handsome. Great beautifier in the world. Such is Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Never fails. Connell Bros.

### FOR LABOR DAY.

Big Time is Proposed—Fraternal Orders and Factory Men to Combine.

There is a movement on foot to have a proper observance of Labor Day, and considerable talk along the line has already been made.

A year ago it was celebrated and proved one of the most interesting holidays of the year, all classes of people entering into the spirit of the occasion.

The fraternal orders, two of them particularly, have about completed arrangements to pit a ball team against the other and cross bats on the diamond as one of the attractions. In the Maccabee order and also the Knights of Pythias are many good players and undoubtedly a contest between the two will come to a head.

A. B. Hull, who has taken the management of the base ball park association for a time, is heartily in favor of opening the grounds on that day and will do everything in his power to make the occasion a success. The factory men will also take a hand in affording entertainment. A meeting will soon be called to more fully discuss the matter.

### BOIL THE WATER!

People Using Water From Shallow Wells Should do so.

The large amount of bowel trouble in the city just at present is giving the doctors a continuous round of business, early and late. In conversation with some of the doctors, we learn that in some cases there are evidences of a typhoid nature, which can only be traced to the water from shallow wells. One physician informed us that he had failed to locate any of the disease among families using water from the deep or flowing wells and that where the worst cases were found the shallowest wells furnished the families with water.

To avoid an outbreak of Typhoid fever in our midst, it would seem advisable to boil all water used for drinking purposes until the first of October.

### City Council Dotings.

The city council held an interesting session Friday night and after voting on the bills presented for labor, rebates on walks and other expenses, it was decided to sell the house purchased of Mrs. Waterhouse. The house, it is understood, is a good one and should find ready sale.

A remonstrance was placed before the council against the proposed grading and graveling of Pearl street which was referred to the street committee, there seems to be some opposition to it.

Over \$1000 was allowed by the claims committee in rebates on cement walks, before the season of improvements close the sum will reach nearly \$5000.

### School Will Begin.

Monday, Aug. 31, is the date set for the opening of the public schools in this city, and arrangements are being completed to make this year one of the best in the history of the schools.

Several changes have been made in the corps of teachers, and a number of improvements are being made in the school house to make things more convenient and better for both teachers and pupils.

Parents who are expecting to send scholars to the various schools will take note of the date and this timely notice will enable them to make any necessary arrangements for the coming term.

The board have secured Miss Louise Schweitzer of Grand Rapids to take Miss Baileys place as teacher of science, and Miss Estella Curtis of Big Rapids in Penmanship and Drawing.

### Will Not Get It.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21, 1903. Mr. E. B. Lapham, Belding, Mich.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor relative to change of agents of this Company at Belding, Mich., and recommending Mr. Wm. J. Knott. Mr. Knott called upon me yesterday and I believe after our conversation he appreciates the necessity of our appointing, as successor to Mr. Webster, a man who has by previous training acquired the experience necessary to conduct an agency like Belding, and for this reason you will see that we cannot favorably consider Mr. Knott for the position.

Yours truly,

W. L. WORMELY, Supt.

Many persons in this community are suffering from kidney complaint who could avoid fatal results by using Foley's Kidney Cure. W. I. Benedict.

A blessing alike to young and old; Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. Nature's specific for dysentery diarrhoea and summer complaint.

### TWO MINUTE GAIT

Has Been Reached at Last by Lou Dillon.

Fleet Little Mare Trotted It Monday—World's Race Track Record Broken.

There was a time in the history of the world when the horse that could trot a mile in three minutes was considered a wonder. That was over 50 years ago, but the noble animal has constantly kept pace with the progression of the age and by careful development has from time to time lowered the record.

There was a song composed and sung in honor of the horse that made "2:30" away back in the 60ties, and it had a run at the time similar to the skit, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight." But it was only a few years later the animal that could only make that time on the track was considered an "Old Skate."

When 2:02 was reached a few years ago, most people said the limit had been reached and it would never go lower, but the minutes and seconds have been ticked off until Monday two minutes flat was reached, and the following dispatch was received by the Daily Banner:

Readville, Mass., Aug. 24.—Before an immense crowd at the race meet here this afternoon, the fleet Lou Dillon, from which great things have been prophesied since the racing season opened, went around the one-mile course in two minutes flat, breaking the world's trotting record, thereby setting a new mark for all that come after her.

### BOUGHT OUT SPENCER.

A. Fuhrman Takes D. H. Bricker's Stock.

The D. H. Bricker stock of goods, which was recently sold to Messrs. E. R. Spencer and A. Fuhrman has undergone another change, by which Mr. Fuhrman becomes sole proprietor.

The deal was made Monday and as soon as he can get the store in readiness, which will be this week, will open to the public and begin trading business. Mr. Fuhrman states that he will add a fine stock of shoes together with many new lines of ladies and gents furnishings.

The store has undergone a thorough over hauling, and as Mr. Fuhrman has many friends in the city where he was in business for several years, he will no doubt meet with good success. He opens out Saturday with a big bankrupt sale.

## FURS - FURS

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