

Local Brevities.

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

From Thursday's Banner.

Mrs. Mary Lester and Mrs. Dr. Corille are taking in the Farmer's Institute today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fay returned this morning from a short visit with Grand Rapids friends.

Miss Hattie Kielholz left this morning for a short visit with friends at Battle Creek.

Mrs. H. P. Beebe left for her home at Edmore this morning after a short visit with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Sheehan and little son, went to visit at her old home in Hanover for a few days.

Mrs. H. E. Pierce of St. Johns left today for a short visit at Ionia. She has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. J. Wright, here.

Mrs. G. A. Brekis of Plymouth, who has been in the city several days past on business, went to Greenville today.

Miss Verda Case of Sidney Center returned to her work in this city today after a pleasant vacation at her home.

Mrs. Mildred Bear returned to her home at West Carlisle, after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Randall.

Mrs. Henry Stahl left this morning for a visit with her daughter in Alleghany, Pa. She expects to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolenbaugh are the happy parents of a little daughter who arrived at their home at an early hour this morning.

Misses Jean Lyle and Gussa Wiley went to Grand Rapids today to see Mrs. Fiske, the celebrated actress at the Majestic theatre, this evening.

Mrs. James Sheldon returned to her home at East Tawas this morning, after a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Brennan.

Photographer E. H. King leaves for Grand Rapids tonight to stay a few days. He expects to leave soon for a milder climate in the great southwest.

Dr. I. S. Morris went to Lansing this morning to make necessary arrangements for his coming trip to California where he goes as a lay delegate to the National M. E. conference which convenes in May.

The local optionists have opened the campaign in the county, Rev. Sanerson of Lansing being the speaker. He opened the ball at Lake Odessa last Sunday and will continue the work throughout the county. The local optionists intend to conduct a hot campaign as long as the funds hold out, and the saloonists need not think they have a soft snap to go against, for it will lack a good deal of it. It is understood on good authority that the local optionists will not have things all their own way however, as those opposed to it will put in some hard licks to defeat it at the polls.

The body of George Hunter was brought here this morning and taken by Wilson & Friedly to Palo for interment, beside his wife who had long since preceded him.

Mr. Hunter who was 80 years of age was a former resident of Boston, township and moved from there to Barryton where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred Tuesday as the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Deceased was a father of Mrs. Chas. Herrington, who formerly resided at this place, and he died at her home, she and her husband accompanying the remains to this city. Mr. Herrington is a brother of Mrs. Melyin Cooley of this city.

From Friday's Banner.

At Irving Davis' this morning a 9 pound boy.

H. L. Page went to Ionia this morning on business.

Guy Wetter went to Grand Rapids today on business.

Mrs. H. R. Unger is the guest of friends in Ionia today.

Mrs. Myrtle Ellis went to Ionia for a visit with friends there.

Thomas Kidd went to Ionia today for a short visit with friends.

L. E. Green went to Grand Rapids this morning on a business trip.

E. D. French left this morning on a short business trip to Grand Rapids.

Dr. I. S. Morris was called to Ionia this morning on professional business.

Mrs. S. E. Ross left this morning for a short visit with friends at Sidney.

Mrs. C. S. Lake went to Eaton Rapids today for a short visit with relatives.

Miss Katie Bennan went to Lowell this morning for a short visit with friends.

Len Slix left today for Alto where he was called by the death of an uncle yesterday.

Chas. J. Seeley went to Ionia this

morning on business connected with the Gridley club

Miss Nellie Dingwell left this morning for Grand Rapids to spend a few days with her mother.

H. I. Miller of Remus was in the city last night on business and left for Ionia this morning.

I. L. Hubbell transacted legal business in Ionia today. He says he will not attend the banquet.

Mrs. Thomas Murray of Orleans called on the families of Eugene Edmonds and Albert Cusser today.

Maj. Chase of Smyrna was in the city today enroute to the big Gridley Club banquet at Ionia this evening.

A. B. Hull went to Ionia this morning on business and of course will remain in the great Gridley club banquet this evening.

Miss Georgia Shaffer returned to her home at Greenville today after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra VanHorn.

Mrs. Porter returned to her home at Little Rock, Arkansas this morning after a pleasant visit at the home of N. H. Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binns returned to their home at Danby this morning after a few days visit at the home of Will Richardson.

J. H. Luce has traded his residence in this city to M. J. Demorest for a parcel of land lying near this city and says he is going to try farming in the future and see what there is in that kind of business.

Those intending to take advantage of the cheap rates now in vogue by joining the new order of the K. O. T. M. now being organized in this city, should do so before tomorrow night. Better see Dr. Dutt at once and get in on the ground floor.

Theodore Leach of Shiloh has purchased 160 acres of timber land in Marquette county located on Lake Superior, and went to Grand Rapids today to secure his deed of same. He says there is some fine timber on it and expects to buy more.

Rev. D. H. Shelby of Ionia was in city today and arranged to hold a union Sunday school rally in the Baptist church, March 14, afternoon and evening. A township organization will be effected and officers elected.

State secretary Alfred Day of Detroit will be present and make an address.

Arrangements are now completed for the big banquet for the Spear Bible class this evening and it is expected that about 400 will enjoy the same at the lodge rooms of the Woodmen and Odd Fellows. A very good bill of fare has been arranged and all who attend will doubtless be very thankful that they had the pleasure of casting their lot with this grand class of bible students. A fine program has also been arranged for the evening.

The Congressional club had a most enjoyable meeting at the home of E. B. Lapham yesterday afternoon. The program for the afternoon was in charge of Mesdames W. B. Reed and A. E. Weter, the subjects being Cotton Mather, Witchcraft and Quaker Persecution with a continuation of American History. Mrs. Reed read a very interesting ghost story and Mrs. Elma Chapman gave a chapter in the Club's Serial of Travel, Chicago, which was both interesting and instructive.

From Saturday's Banner.

Mrs. C. S. Barnes is spending a few days with her parents in Stanton.

H. D. Gore and wife of Fife Lake are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Godfrey.

Mrs. Kiskey left here this morning for a short visit with friends in Saginaw.

Fred Fox of Grand Rapids is the guest of his parents in this city for a few days.

M. N. Green and wife of Harvard are guests at the home of L. E. Green for a few days.

Charles L. Markham of Grand Rapids is a guest at the home of Fred A. Bush for a day.

Mrs. John Donsenbury went to Pierson this afternoon to attend the funeral of O. A. Pierson.

Mrs. A. B. Wilkinson and son Darcy left this morning for a short visit with friends in Edmore.

The Misses Lula Ludwick and Aurel Gephart are the guests of Mrs. C. A. Dixon of Greenville today.

Mrs. J. A. Kinney went to Grand Rapids today for a short visit with friends in the Furniture City.

Mrs. Lottie Johnston returned to her home at Smyrna today after a short visit with her sister in this city.

Leon Sayles and wife returned to their home at Grand Rapids today after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sayles of this city.

Mrs. Art Cole who has been here for

some time past caring for her father, William J. Barker, during his illness, returned to her home at Howard City today.

The Seniors of the Belding High School in company with some invited guests enjoyed a sleighride to Grattan last evening, and partook of a fine oyster supper before returning.

Mrs. Frank Hellen and daughter Margaret left this morning for their home in Detroit after having spent the past fortnight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trall, the former's parents.

The serial in the Woman's Home Companion, "The Trilemma of Albertine," comes to an end in February.

The man of Albertine's choice, however, is not named, and a \$200.00 prize is offered to the reader who is able to name the man she chose, and give the best reasons why.

Miss Eva Eddy and Miss Iris McElroy entertained the members of the Junior class last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eddy. It was the amusement of the evening and at eleven o'clock light refreshments were served. There were six couples present and a most enjoyable time was had.

Orson A. Pierson, one of the earliest residents of Pierson and the man who founded the town, died last evening as the result of an accident in his barn. He was kicked in the chest by a 4-year-old colt and survived the blow only a few minutes. Mr. Pierson was doing his chores at the time.

Though past eighty years of age, Mr. Pierson was active and strong and did not appear to be really that old. He was well to do, and owned one of the finest farms in that part of the country.

Mr. Pierson's first wife was a sister of M. E. and Fred Peck and Mrs. L. I. Barker of this city. M. E. Peck expects to attend the funeral which will be held Sunday.

From Monday's Banner.

Mrs. B. L. Friedly went to St. Louis this morning to visit a few days.

C. G. O'Bryon has just added three fine new show cases to his store.

Mrs. J. Carter went to Grand Rapids this morning to visit friends.

Chas. Rice of Portland, the newly elected drain commissioner is in the city today.

Mrs. Ad Brooks of Ionia is a guest at the home of Mrs. Thomas Vaughn of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lessenden of Kansas are guests at the home of A. R. Wortman.

Carl Steel returned this morning from Grand Rapids where he Sundayed with relatives.

Thos. Davis of Middleville arrived here this morning to visit his cousin Mrs. Harry Younger.

Miss Rose Woodman of Grand Rapids was a guest of her friend, Miss Lottie King over Sunday.

S. Seat of Lakeview arrived in this city this morning to accept a position in the Belding-Hall saw mill.

Mrs. C. S. Barnes returned today from Stanton where she has been visiting her parents a few days.

For Sale—Good horse and lot, well located will sell right, if sold at once. Address, Lock box 845, Belding, Mich.

Rev. D. Munro of St. Johns who conducted services in the church of Christ yesterday, returned home this morning.

Mrs. W. H. Morse of Flint returned to her home this morning after a short visit at the home of H. M. Drummond.

Harry Lovell who has been working in the Herald Publishing Co. for some time past, left this morning for Grand Rapids.

The Grattan Silver Grays will hold their winter meeting at the Grange Hall in Grattan on Wednesday, Feb. 10, all day. Picnic Dinner.

Mrs. A. Lamphere of Williamston arrived in this city this afternoon and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edmonds for a few days.

Steve Baty left this morning for Grand Rapids and Danby where he will visit for a few days with relatives and friends in those two places.

FOR SALE—Good family driving horse and carriage and an excellent Durham cow. Will sell at reasonable figures. Dr. I. Ohlinger. Jan 29 3 3/4

Martin Wilcox who is attending the Ferris school at Big Rapids spent a few days at his home last week. Martin says he thinks the school up there is a dandy.

Clayton Chapman left this morning to attend to Michigan Agricultural college. The base ball managers will find Clayton a valuable acquisition to their number.

M. E. Peck returned this morning from Pierson where he went to attend the funeral of Mr. Pierson who was killed the other day by being kicked by a horse.

John Skedgell, son of Geo. Skedgell, and well known to many of our readers, is going to embark in the farm machinery business. He will make his headquarters at Ensey's hardware Howard City.—Coral News.

The many friends of Miss Pearl Terry will regret to learn that she left this morning for Ann Arbor to

take medical treatment at the University hospital. They will all join in wishing her a happy recovery and a quick return to this city.

Out at Cook's Corners last Friday evening, J. W. Howe played the violin at a small party given by Mary Kohn. The young people had a merry time dancing to the old time music which Mr. Howe knows so well how to play. Hinks Curtis did the calling. A singular coincidence was the fact that the company were the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the people he had played for over 50 years ago.

From Tuesday's Banner.

A few more of those \$2.50 stoves at \$1.75 at Hines.

The Goodfellowship Club will hold its annual reunion and banquet at Hotel Belding, Saturday, Feb. 6th.

Mrs. Mabel Higgins was called to Remus this morning on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Aletha Coleman of St. Louis has returned to her work in this city after a short vacation at her home.

Wanted good competent experienced man and wife to work on farm. 2w28 F. E. CONVERSE, R. F. D. 17.

The Misses Maud Strang and Tena Dutcher of Middleville, are new arrivals at the Belding Bros.' silk mills.

F. L. Smith closed his shoe and repair shop today and moved his goods to Greenville where he will do business hereafter.

Mrs. D. Delahanty of Greenville and Chas. Berry of Oakfield were guests at the home of Mrs. Hattie Peifer, yesterday.

Miss May Conant of Greenville was a guest at the home of Mrs. William Pope last night and returned to her home this morning.

Don't go barefooted. Try those \$2.50 shoes at Hines for \$1.75.

I. J. Walter of Lansing who has been with his uncle, Dr. Ohlinger a few days, returned today. He says the doctor is very low today.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schandler of Phoenix, Arizona, who have been visiting at the home of Chauncey Crase, left today for their home.

Mrs. Jason Hicks of Stanton who has been a guest at the home of her son Frank for several days past, returned to her home this morning.

For Sale—Good city lot on South Pleasant street. Cheap for cash. Fred Thompson, R. F. D. 3, Phone 187-3-R. 4-14-22

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lessenden of Kansas who have been visiting at A. Wortman for several days, left today for Elgin, Ill., before returning home.

Miss Cora Taylor, who has been working here for some time past was called to her home at Blanchard today owing to the serious illness of her mother.

E. B. Gillette, deputy supreme commander-in-chief of the K. O. T. M. of the world who has been here organizing a tent, left this morning for Temple on business of the order.

Wm. Clarke went out in Northplains last Friday and set up a large monument on the cemetery lot of Wm. Alderman. The foundation for the monument was laid last fall.

The ladies of the Social Circle are preparing to give one of their famous 15 cent chicken pie suppers at the church dining room Saturday, from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m. Don't miss it.

A Gasper brought in a load of six hogs this morning all dressed for market and sold them to Forrest Fish, the total weight was 1427 pounds and Mr. Gasper received a check for \$87.42.

The "shadder" of the ground hog might have been reflected on the deep snow during rifts in the clouds several times today, if the old fellow had been able to dig his way out, but it is thought by the oldest inhabitants that he remained quiet.

In speaking of the Gridley Club banquet the Portland Review says: "No one expected the banquet would equal that held at Belding, for such entertainments come few times in a lifetime. It was as though the fires, kindled at Belding last year, had been reduced to embers, losing just a little of their glow and warmth in the process."

From Wednesday's Banner.

W. C. Spicer went to Detroit this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. Howe of Howard City is the guest of her daughter here.

Don't forget the Fireman's Ball at Hubbell hall on Friday evening.

William Clarke went to Ithaca this morning on a short business trip.

Mrs. J. B. Essex is recovering from her recent severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Grace Aldrich left today for her home at Portland where she expects to remain for the present.

Mrs. M. Searle of Grand Rapids is spending a few days in town in the interest of the Viavi at Hotel Belding.

Mrs. David Delahanty returned to her home in Greenville today after a short visit with her parents in this city.

Miss Grace Lampson of Edmore is a guest at the home of I. E. Davis for a few days. She arrived here this morning.

A nurse of twelve years experience wishes work in her line, obstetrics a specialty. Phone 189, 4 rings for particulars.

For Sale—Horse, harness, buggy and sleigh. Horse is kind and gentle, safe for lady to drive. Inquire of A. T. DeCoster, Ann St.

The Misses Tena Dutcher and Maud Strang, who came here to work in the silk mills recently, returned to their home in Middleville today.

Mrs. C. M. Gray is here from Wayland caring for her mother, Mrs. H. H. Gooding, who has been sick with pneumonia but now recovering.

Mrs. Aaron Decker of Shiloh was a guest at J. B. Essex on her return from Grand Rapids today, where she had been to visit her son who has been sick with the gripe.

For Sale Cheap—3 sets of dishes, 6 washing machines, chamber sets, and some small step-ladders with ironing board combination. All new stock Inquire of A. Traub.

Fred Fox, who has been a guest of his parents for several days past, left this morning for Grand Rapids where he goes to resume his work as an employe of the street railway company.

After the ground hog announcing six weeks of blizzard weather, comes St. Valentine with horrid comic pictures "One woe doth tread on the heels of another so fast they follow".

A competent teacher of music can spend several hours in Belding each week, any person wishing instruction can receive particulars by writing, Ethel S. Crispin, 349 Rice st., Ionia, Mich.

Mark Gay, one of the injured at the terrible P. M. wreck at East Paris several weeks ago died at the hospital in Grand Rapids yesterday. His son who lost a leg in the same wreck, went crazy when his father died.

Wanted—To let 20 acres of ground for potatoes. Thirty cents per bushel from field. Division to 100 bushels to the acre. All above to lessee. Lewis B. Hall, 311-313 Widdcomb Bldg., Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Oak Leaf club will give a Leap Year party at Hubbell hall Thursday evening of next week. All interested will remember the date as it is expected that this will be one of the sweetest functions of the season.

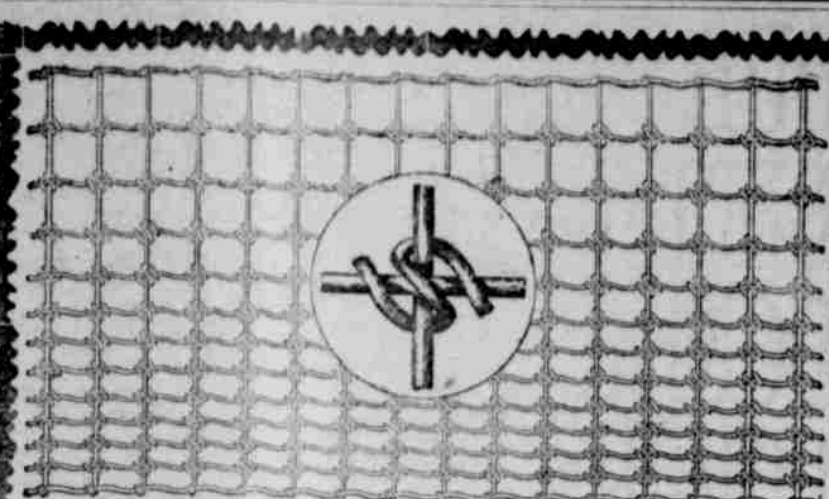
Clyde Howe, who has been in this city for some time past in the interest of the National Protective society of Detroit left this morning for Saginaw where he will look after the interests of that company for a while.

The K. P.'s will give another of their popular pedro parties at Castle Hall tomorrow evening and all who expect to be present are requested to be on hand before eight o'clock as the games will start promptly at that time.

The annual convention of the State League of Republican Clubs of Michigan has been called for Friday, February 12, 1904, 2:30 p. m., at the Lincoln Club rooms, Grand Rapids, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

A sleighload of 16 drove out to M. L. Osterhout's last evening and enjoyed their hospitality and a fine supper which awaited them on their arrival. The condition of the roads were such as to make the round trip a slow one. There was no dumping into a snow bank however, but very near it.

Mrs. Millicent Searle of Grand Rapids gave a very interesting health talk at the home of Mrs. Jessie Wilbar yesterday afternoon, by which none present could but help feeling benefited. Mrs. Searle is working in the interests of the Grand Rapids Viavi Cure, is a bright interesting speaker and with her talk and the charts used, all could feel better acquainted with the human body and its needs.



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