



ELECTRIC STORM DID DAMAGE

Barns Struck And Burned--- Horse Killed--- Hay And Grain Destroyed

MOST VIVID LIGHTNING

Alfred Davis Suffers Second Loss By Storm---Barn on Weeks Farm Hit and Contents Destroyed

The torrid heat of the past week was broken last night by a terrific thunder and rain storm which although it wrought destruction and damage in many places it did a world of good to suffering humanity and drying crops.

No particular damage was done in the city, however, but several farm barns were struck and burned.

Alfred Davis in Grattan seems to be having a run of hard luck as his new barn which had just been about completed from its destruction a few weeks ago by storm was again struck and burned to the ground, killing one horse and burning all his hay, except about six loads, together with some other contents of the building.

A barn belonging to Ed Nash on the old Weeks farm received an electric bolt and it was soon burned despite the down pour of rain taking with it all the hay and other contents including a drill.

The home of Charles Purdy was struck shivering a chimney and cutting queer freaks but fortunately none of the family were hurt.

A large barn near Oakfield Center was also burned by the electric fluids capers but we are unable to learn the name.

Three fires are reported in the country east of the city and five west and north.

A Lucky Woman

The housewife who has a gas range or plate in her house these torrid days is a lucky woman. We have a lot of sympathy for the woman who finds it necessary to stand over a hot stove these terrible days, and we stand ready to make the burden lighter for her. All you have to do is to call us up and leave an order for Gas in the house and The Belding Gas Co. will do the rest. Cook with gas and be happy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Malone went to Greenville, Monday, to spend the 4th with relatives.

LEONARD Y. BLUNT

The Old Shoemaker Was Found Dead Saturday Morning in His Room

Leonard Y. Blunt the aged shoemaker is dead, he had lived alone for the past seven or eight years in rooms over Brickers store opposite the News Offices, Saturday morning about eleven o'clock, Frank J. Luick whose rooms are opposite of those occupied by the old man, noticing that he was not stirring around as usual, opened the door of his room and discovered him lying on the floor so close to the door that it was necessary to crowd the body away from it before it could be opened.

Mr. Luick immediately notified E. B. Lapham justice of the Peace, who viewed the remains and made an investigation into the cause, of his death. The body was turned over to M. E. Peck who it appears had been selected by the old gentleman to look after him in case of accident or death. Evidently he had attempted to empty the pan of water from his refrigerator and fell with it in his hands.

Dr. Stanton was called and pronounced the cause as cerebral hemorrhage. He was fully dressed except his coat and in his pockets were found two certificates of deposit for \$50, each and \$31.40 in cash and a note for \$500, given by M. E. Peck and F. W. Peck besides his silver watch.

The deceased came to Belding about 17 years ago and worked for some time in the shoe factory until it closed out. A few years later he was in hard luck and came near starving himself to death it is claimed and the city provided for him to the extent of twenty five or thirty dollars.

About seven years ago Mr. Peck took an interest in him and gave him employment as his shoemaker he remained with him until he became unable to work. He was frugal, saved his money and insisted on reimbursing the city for what it had done for him when he was in need. He was very close mouthed in relation to his family history but confided in Mr. Peck and made his effects all over to him in case of his death, also assigned to him an insurance policy on his life which he carried for a small amount.

He had one brother in Wooster Mass, whom Mr. Peck notified of his decease but for some reason he did not come. Brief funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Peck conducted by Rev. J. W. Sheehan of Hastings, Miss Gertie Peck presided at the piano and accompanied Fred A. Connell who sang a couple of solos. The interment took place in the Otisco cemetery. The bearers were Frank J. Luick, Fred Underwood A. H. Caldwell and Ed. Trull.

Mrs. Bessie Evans, who has been spending a couple of months with her sister Mrs. Ollie Taft, returned to her home at Grand Rapids, Monday.

EDITOR WAS PLEASED

To See A Copy of the Banner Volume One Number One

George N. Foster brought into the Banner office one day this week a copy of the first issue of the Belding Banner volume one number one, it was printed June 7th 1889, twenty two years ago it really looked like an old friend and brought back to the mind of ye Editor many pleasant memories of the advent and first few years of his business life in the silk city.

Many changes have taken place since those days Belding had a population of about 1500 then, one silk mill the Richardson was being operated with a couple of hundred hands and the Banner said another silk mill was in contemplation. The Belding Refrigerator factory was also one of the industries the Miller casket factory was in process of organization and the Knott, Rutan & Co., Flouring mills and elevator was doing business.

In the local columns we find the following locals:

The rear of the flat river log drive passed here last week.
M. J. Tanner, Homer Angell and wife, C. G. O'Bryon and wife, E. E. Chapple and E. O. Mann went to Detroit on the excursion Tuesday.
C. E. Totten of Smyrna held ticket no 144 which drew the five dollar gold piece at Roells drawing.

E. H. Wilson a substantial farmer south of the village has the honor of being the first subscriber to pay for the Banner.

John Hinderson the barber in the basement of Hotel Belding has been fixing up in style.

Geo. W. Moulton, Chas. Ryerson and Miss Sarah Wilbur attended the Chase-Evarts wedding in Greenville, Wednesday.

Geo. Putnam has purchased a fine piano and placed it in his residence this week.

Luther & Wilson purchased a fine span of iron grays at Hubbardston last week paying \$500, for the team.

H. H. Belding of Chicago and A. N. Belding of Rockville will be in town next week to let the contract for the new silk factory.

F. D. M. Davis prosecuting attorney of this county will orate at Lake Odessa.

At the school meeting Tuesday evening it was decided to build two new school houses one on the north side and the other near the union school to cost not to exceed \$1000.

A business mens ball club was organized Monday with W. P. Hetherington manager, Chas. Hills captain, W. R. Menck secretary and treasurer, their object being exercise, sport and a fixed determination to do up the other clubs in town, the other members are R. A. Wilder, D. H. Bricker, Chas. Ryerson, Frank Hauck, L. W. Holmes, Chas. Hoyt, H. J. Leonard, H. A. Lamb, L. B. Hall, Kim King, Chas. Gardner, Charley Gleason, S. H. Stone, J. M. Earle, A. L. Spencer, E. R. Spencer, G. W. Hauck, H. P. McElroy, C. G. O'Bryon, C. M. Wise, W. H. Ingersol, M. J. Tanner, Harry Connell, Maurice Lightstone, M. Hasick, Ed. Trull and Ed. Whitford.

H. M. Caukin of Greenville has made a survey and plat of Beldings second addition to the village 70 acres east of the refrigerator factory platted into 239 lots.

Six months after the Banner was established the office was destroyed by fire and burned up the files.

A. D. Lashell of Oakfield, Dead.

A. D. Lashell of Oakfield, died Thursday night at midnight at Butterworth hospital in Grand Rapids, aged 50 years. Mr. Lashell had been ill for several months and on Wednesday he was removed to Butterworth hospital where an operation for cancer was performed Thursday. For ten years or more he has been clerk of Oakfield township and at the time of his death was township treasurer. He is survived by one son Thomas Lashell. The funeral services under the auspices of the masonic fraternity took place Saturday afternoon at the White Swan Baptist church.

Make Her Burdens Lighter

If there was a man in Belding who had to stand over a hot stove on any of these torrid days and cook and bake for his family, he would order Gas put in at once. Why not make your wife's burdens lighter by installing a gas range. The Belding Gas Co. stands ready to furnish the Gas and Range if you will furnish the order for the same. Come in right away and let us reason together.

On Thursday, July 13, Arcadian Encampment I. O. O. F. will install their officers. Refreshments will be served. All Patriarchs are requested to be present. W. J. Clark, C. P. W. H. Price, Scribe.

SCHOOL MEETING

Trustees to be Elected and Money to be Raised.

The annual school meeting will be held Monday night at the high school building besides the regular routine business, two trustees are to be elected in place of Brinton F. Hall and Frank H. Hudson, whose terms expire. Mr. Hall it is understood is a candidate again for the place having consented to stand for reelection, he has made a good member on the board and there is no reason why he should not be re-elected to the office again. Mr. Hudson does not care to take the office again although many friends would like to have him remain on the board and Dr. James H. Armstrong is being talked of as an available candidate. Mr. Armstrong resides in the 1st ward where Mr. Hudson formerly resided when elected and the people over there want representation on the board.

Mr. Armstrong is well qualified for the place and if elected will make a good member. The bonding proposition to vote \$7500, is for the purpose of the expense incurred in the heating, lighting and seating of the new building and must be taken care of at once the bonds are not voted then the board will be obliged to spread the amount in direct taxes. The amount will have to be paid and it will be easier to have it spread out over a long time for payment. It is hoped there will be a good attendance at the meeting.

Coupons Coming Fast.

I wish to thank the people of Belding and vicinity for the large number of Piano Coupons given to me in the past few weeks, and also for those that are coming in every day. I realize that in



order to secure a piano I must have a big bunch of them and I want to ask all my friends to send me all they can during the few remaining days of this great contest. Coupons for me may be left at the Banner office, Peck's Shoe store, Lamb Bros. grocery, or mailed to 324 Hanover street. All pull together and one of the pianos will surely be mine. Again thanking you for the help given I am Yours Truly,
LINA MAY BUSH.

New Editor at Carson City

H. E. Cowdin, formerly publisher of the Rockford Register, has purchased the Gazette at Carson City of A. L. Bemis. Since selling the Register to H. A. Van Antwerp last September Mr. Cowdin has been connected most of the time with the Nashville News, and again enters the newspaper field in Montana county. Mr. Bemis was compelled to sell on account of his health. He has been owner of the Gazette for twenty-one years. Mr. Cowdin is a brother of Charles R. Cowdin formerly connected with the Banner, and we extend our hand, hoping that great success may come to the new owner.

Local News

Ferry Clock went to Gowan, for a short visit with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Snyder were over Sunday guests of Belding friends.

Miss Ella Meginley went to Kalamazoo to spend the fourth with her sister.

Miss Minnie Cook started for Denver, Colo., on Wednesday to visit relatives.

Miss Maggie Nash spent the Fourth with her parents at Pine Island Lake.

Miss Lottie Hein left Monday for Big Rapids, where she will attend school this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Sovereign left Saturday for a ten days visit at Stanwood, Freeport and Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Spencer are spending a few days at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Ireland, in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wright entertained his sister Mrs. Lyman Jaycox and daughter Mrs. Lena Witham of South Dakota and Allen Tuttle and daughter the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughter Airel were guest at Mrs. M. Cobb also.

Mrs. C. Richardson of Courtland Kent county is a guest of her daughter Mrs. J. Ward Wells, Mrs. Richardson is one of the few surviving pioneers who came into that part of the country in an early day her husband is still living but is not able to get out much being 85 years old.

IMPROVEMENTS THE ORDER

At Belding Bros. & Company Thread Mill---Extensive Repairs Are Made

NEW STACK AND BOILERS

Four New Boilers Replace Old Ones Company Spares No Expense To Have The Best

Belding Bros. & Co. have for the past six weeks or more been making repairs at the red mill and the extensive and expensive work will soon be completed. The old smoke stack was razed to the ground and completely demolished and now a fine new one looms up much better and more conspicuous in its stead directly in line with main street from which it shows up well.

Four new boilers have been installed, the old ones having been torn out and dispensed with entirely. They are of best make and have been set with extreme care so solid that it is expected they will last for years. The debris is being cleared up and new cement floors will be put in where needed.

The work will be completed in a few days and business will again be resumed with great activity as Mr. Howard reports many large orders coming in and piling up.

It is expected that the wheels will move by the fifteenth of July and a full force of operators be taken on as fast as possible.

Whenever the company find it necessary to make repairs or add new machinery they go about it at once regardless of expense.

Want Your Coupons

The Church of Christ is very desirous of winning one of the pianos which our good merchants are offering and would especially ask that all friends of the church and many others who have coupons would turn them in to our credit or send them to the Pastor Rev. I. S. Bussing.

There is only a few days more before the contest will end and the church and society will be very grateful for every coupon sent to it from any source.

Duane Foss and family left Monday for Maple Rapids to spend the 4th with relatives and friends.

KODAKS For Your Vacation

The pictures keep your vacation days always with you. Supplies of all kinds.

35c BOX Writing Paper

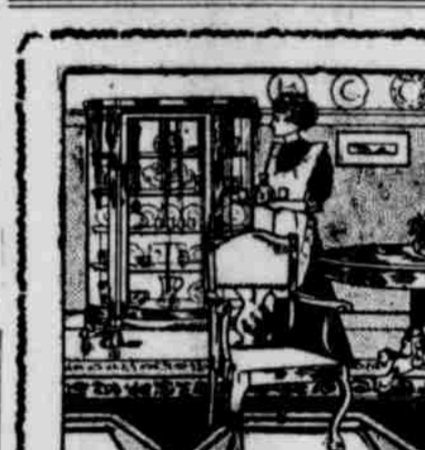
An extra nice line of W & W linen finish writing paper in boxes, 35c.

The Rosary, by Barclay
Mistress of Shenstone, by Barclay
The Prodigal Judge, by Kester
Clayhanger, by Bennett
Jim Hands, by Childs
Adventures, by London
John Mark's Millions, by Klein
Brumhilda, by Nichols
Brazenhead, by Hewlett
The Last Word, by MacGowan
Window at White Cat, Rinehart
Anne of Avonlea, Montgomery
Clever Betsey, by Burnham
Calling of Dan Matthews, Wright
2c per day to read these.

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Iced Tea and Lemonade tumblers in cut glass at \$2.00 per dozen

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Conkey's Lice Liquid--35c quart, 60c 2 quarts, \$1.00 a gallon

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