

Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

George Forman was in Ionia over Sunday. Jerome Lavery of Ionia was in the city, Tuesday. Mrs. Maude Yost is home from Paris, this week. Kenneth Deno was a Stanton visitor on Thanksgiving day. Arthur Joslyn was home from Greenville, over Sunday. John Moore made a business trip to Greenville, Saturday. Frank McBain made a business trip to Greenville, last Friday. Fred L. Warner was in Grand Rapids on legal business, last Friday. Mrs. Emma Lamb left Monday for a few days' visit in Grand Rapids. Don't forget that special in watch and jewelry repairing. Waldo.—adv. Bruce Moulton of Ionia was an over Sunday visitor with relatives and friends in the city. Mrs. W. H. Price left Friday for a visit with relatives in Lansing, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. D. S. Grosefent returned last week from Independence, Mo., where he had been for two weeks. Hugh Peck and wife returned home to Leslie, Friday, after a few days' visit at Edgar Hall's. Mrs. Al. Wells and daughter, Alfreida, were in Grand Rapids last Thursday and Friday. Miss Lora Eddy returned to Grand Rapids, Monday, after a two weeks' visit with her parents. Eugene Cottrell of Ionia, R. F. D., a former resident here, was in the city Tuesday on business. G. P. Kimberly has a special advertisement on the last page this week about photos. Read it. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoyt of Orleans took the train here for Pentwater last Friday to visit friends. Morey Raby and Irving Grinnell motored to Grand Rapids Saturday on business, returning Sunday. Mrs. S. E. Brummer, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to Grand Rapids, Monday. Miss Gertrude Wilson returned from Grand Rapids last week, and has resumed her school work. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Osman, who were the guests of her father, D. O. Thompson, returned home to Flint, Saturday. Mrs. C. J. Warren and granddaughter, Marion Clafin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fowler, Saturday. Mrs. Abe Friedman left Monday for Manistee to spend a couple of weeks visiting her parents at the old home. William Joiner has returned from Chase, where he spent several weeks at his home there, and in Reed City. W. H. Bradley and family returned to Sand Lake, Tuesday, after visiting relatives in the city several days. John Lemley and family of Saginaw were here Thanksgiving to assist in the big dinner festivities at Charles Knapp's. Mrs. Arthur Miller of Palo returned home Monday, after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Forrest Greenwalt. Mr. and Mrs. Will Barton have just completed a fine garage, the work being done by Will's father, George Barton. Mrs. Mary Sargeant returned to Lowell, Monday. She had been here to assist Mrs. Ezra Sweet for a few days. John Huysell and family returned home to Pierson, Saturday, after a few days' visit at George Swart-hout's. The Misses Margaret Wilbur and Helen Lapham spent last Friday in Grand Rapids, the guests of Miss Dorothy James. The Ladies' Literary Exchange club will meet with Mrs. Ella French Thursday, December 9, at the usual hour in the afternoon. The families of Ireland, Wilder and Fred L. Spencer were in Ionia to spend Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Reed were in Detroit for Thanksgiving. Mr. Reed returned Saturday, and Mrs. Reed remained until Monday. Mrs. Hodgkins returned home to Grand Rapids, Monday, having visited her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clancy for several days. Master John Langston and his uncle, J. A. Langston, returned Sunday from Hastings, where they spent Thanksgiving with relatives. Adam Derstein returned to his work in the Leitelt Bros. Machine shop in Grand Rapids, Monday, after a week's visit at his home here. Mrs. Ella Richmond returned to Grand Rapids, Tuesday. She had been here to spend Thanksgiving and to visit her relatives for a few days. Miss Eleanor Fischer left Monday for Ann Arbor to begin her course of training in the university as a nurse. She will take a year-year's course. Chet Chandler, the auctioneer of Bitternut, was the guest of Wheeler Pond, Tuesday. He was on his way to Grand Rapids for medical treatment. Mrs. Flora Thompson in company with Miss Lena Thompson, who was home from Harbor Springs, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Fenwick. Rev. Frank James and son, Charles, of Portland, Oregon, are visiting with Arthur James. He was called here by the illness of their father, William James. Mrs. George A. Stanton returned last week from her visit in Fremont, Wisconsin, on her return she spent several days with her daughter, Miss Beatrice Stanton in LaGrange, Ill. Robert Fea and wife, who have been guests at John Kolp's, returned home to Greenville, Monday. They leave this week for Kansas to make that state their home, this winter. Instead of neglecting your hair and growing bald, use Parisian Sage daily and see how quickly it stops the hair falling out and cures dandruff and itching scalp. Wortley & French guarantee it.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Elwell. Arthur Dehn of Lansing spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and John Dehn. Mrs. Silas Holbrook of Portland was the week-end guest of Mrs. Kate Shannon. N. C. Nielsen and Miss Ruth Buck were in Portland to spend Thanksgiving day. Miss Grace French of Ionia was the guest of Miss Lottie Hopkins, Thursday. C. A. Fullerton and son went to Howard City Saturday, to remain over Sunday. J. D. Taylor of Greenville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coulter, over Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Anderson left Monday for St. Catherine, Ontario, to spend the winter. Mrs. Mary Cannon returned to Grand Rapids Saturday, after several weeks' visit here. Mrs. Maude White returned home to Morley Saturday, after visiting relatives in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Caverley spent Thursday with their son, Don Caverley of Grand Rapids. Richard Marsh returned home from Blanchard, Saturday, where he had been to visit for a few days. Lauren Dixon and family returned home to Blanchard after visiting relatives and friends a few days. A. J. Esterland, who has been the guest of his son-in-law, Wess Porter, returned to Paris, Saturday. The Misses Mildred Jakeway and Lucile Bricker were over Sunday guests of friends in Grand Rapids. Patrick Fitzpatrick, the watchman at the basket factory crossing, went to Stanton for a short visit Friday. Miss Reva Huntley of Detroit spent from Wednesday to Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huntley. Mrs. Wm. Walker was in Grand Rapids, Saturday. She accompanied her brother, Albert Russell of Ionia. Miss Alys Caverley was the guest of Miss Marion Watson of Grand Rapids, Thursday and Friday of last week. Mrs. H. M. Morman of Grand Rapids has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Hopwood and also of Miss Clara Howe. Oscar Griener, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Stanton, returned home to Kingsville, Ontario, this week. Misses Hazel Davis and Mabel Smith were the guests of the former's aunt, at Grand Rapids from Friday until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse of Weno, Minnesota, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard Hall. Mrs. Morse is a sister of Mrs. Hall. They returned home Monday. Mrs. Gertrude Face and daughter, Gladys, returned home to Coopersville, Monday. They had been spending a week here with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and other friends. Mrs. Esther Bailey and son, Donald of Burr Oak, Kansas, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reynolds. She visited relatives in Blanchard over Thanksgiving. Wm. F. Sandell went to Lowell to visit his uncle, Daniel Pratt, Monday. Charles Gleason of Grand Rapids was the guest of relatives in the city Tuesday and Wednesday. Ray Emmons and son, Floyd Emmons, who have been guests at Louie Emmons' and others relatives and friends over Thanksgiving week, returned to Hart, Saturday. Mrs. E. I. Arnold accompanied her daughter, Miss Luella Arnold, to Grand Rapids, Monday. The latter has been spending the Thanksgiving vacation here and was on her return to Olivet. Mrs. Melinda Stout and niece, Miss Lulu Newcomer, left Saturday for Grand Rapids, Miss Newcomer, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Michigan, returned this week to Waterloo, Ind. Mrs. Frank Livermore was called here Tuesday from Grand Rapids to attend the funeral and burial of her mother, Mrs. R. A. Snyder of Burford, Ontario. She was the guest of Mrs. H. E. Minier. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thorne of Belding, Mich., returned to their home in that city this morning, after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Farnsworth of this city.—Livingston Tidings. John Zeigler of Orleans was in the city Tuesday. He is looking for a small place near this city to buy and make a home. Mr. Zeigler was one of the first subscribers to the Banner, twenty-five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James and son, and Mrs. Geo. Putman motored to Grand Rapids and had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Larrabee. Mr. and Mrs. Will Norman of Cannonsburg and Russell Larrabee of Grand Rapids, were also there. Mrs. Rena Quillan (nee Johnson) died of tuberculosis at the L. B. U. hospital in Grand Rapids, Thursday evening, November 25. She was well known here before her marriage to Arthur Quillan about six years ago, being employed here at that time. Edna Huysell, the incorrigible girl, who gave truant officer, Z. W. Gooding, so much trouble, in trying to keep her in school, was sent to the Adrian home for girls last week by order of Judge Montgomery Webster. Mrs. Jerome Lavery, wife of Probation Officer Lavery, accompanied her there. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holmes entertained his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Holmes, their daughters, Miss Vivian Holmes and Mrs. Alma Burton and, also, Mr. Eddie, all of Saranac for Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobb were also guests. They report a very pleasant time, lots of good music and plenty to eat. Mrs. Austin Wright had the misfortune to fall Wednesday, November 24, breaking a bone in her hand and dislocating her wrist. As Mrs. Wright is 78 years of age, and has been in rather poor health for some time, the injury is more serious than under ordinary conditions. She is getting along as well as can be expected, however. Watch my window for new goods arriving each week. Waldo.—adv.

TEN THOUSAND ACCIDENTS: MANY TO UNEMPLOYED

COMMITTEE OF RAILWAY CLAIM AGENTS COMPILE FIGURES TELLING STORY

The association of Railway Claim Agents, at its annual convention in Baltimore in 1913, appointed a committee of fifteen on the trespassing evil; this committee to deal generally with the trespass problem and to cooperate with the General Managers' Association or the American Railway Association, toward the enactment of proper legislation. At the first meeting, held in Chicago, September 23, 1913, it was decided to gather statistical information for the use of the members of this association in presenting the facts to legislatures and the public in attempting to get proper trespass legislation enacted. A circular letter, setting forth the plan and scope of the work, was sent the members of the committee and by them distributed with the report forms to the individual roads. Reports were made by roads representing in the aggregate a mileage of 231,000. The statistics presented herewith are based on a total of upwards of 11,000 accidents to trespassers on steam railroads during 1914. A consolidated report for all the states follows:

Table with columns: Extent of Injury, Per Cent, Place, Residence, Was Injured Person Living at Home, Sex, Domestic Status, Occupation, Nature of Accident, Was Person Injured Known Tramp or Hobo?, Age, Was Injured Person Intoxicated?, Nationality.

Accidents—10,785. Extent of Injury: Killed 4,746 44, Lost of one limb 826 8, Loss of two limbs 172 1, Other injury 5,041 47. Place: In country district 3,421 32, In city 3,482 32, In town or village 3,882 36. Residence: Near place of accident 4,994 46, Far from place of accident 3,876 36, Unknown 1,915 18. Was Injured Person Living at Home: With Family or Parents? Yes 4,914 46, No 4,303 40, Unknown 1,568 14. Sex: Male 10,224 95, Female 561 5. Domestic Status: Married 2,359 22, Single 4,618 43, Unknown 3,808 35. Occupation: None 1,846 17, Unskilled laborer 3,675 34, Skilled laborer 1,160 11, Profession 159 1, Merchant 139 1, Clerical 139 1, Housewife 281 3, Unknown 3,431 32. Regularly Employed at Time of Accident: Yes 2,391 22, No 4,346 40, Unknown 4,048 38. Nature of Accident: Walking on track 4,712 44, Riding on train 3,840 36, Other accidents 1,511 14, Unknown 722 6. Was Person Injured Known Tramp or Hobo?: Yes 1,313 12, No 6,326 29. Age: 5 years or under 145 1, 10 " " 339 3, 15 " " 565 5, 20 " " 1,698 15, 25 " " 3,437 32, 30 " " 3,048 29, 35 " " 627 6, 40 " " 247 2, 45 " " 316 3, 50 " " 435 4, 55 " " 435 4, 60 " " 435 4, 65 " " 435 4, 70 " " 435 4, 75 " " 435 4, 80 " " 435 4, 85 " " 435 4, 90 " " 435 4, 95 " " 435 4, 100 " " 435 4. Was Injured Person Intoxicated?: Yes 1,789 17, No 5,455 50, Unknown 3,541 33. Nationality: American 7,282 68, Foreign 2,086 19, Unknown 1,417 13.

In this connection, similar information for 1915 is now being secured by the American Electric Railway Claim Association, representing the electric roads of the country. Experience has indicated that the enactment of appropriate legislation will not materially reduce the trespassing, nor will even the enforcement of such laws accomplish much toward an elimination of the evil without the support and assistance of the public. It is necessary that a campaign of education be conducted. We are led to the conclusion that the greatest good will result from an attempt to bring home to the minds of the people of the country just what the peril of trespassing on a railroad is, and how fraught with opportunities for lifetime misery to those who practice it. In view of the fact that many of the states are without trespass laws and that where such acts now exist they are inadequate in preventing trespassing on railroads, we recommend that the efforts of this association be directed toward the enactment of a Federal Trespass Law. We acknowledge the very generous assistance and aid extended by claim men throughout the country by which we are thus enabled to present a report of all accidents to trespassers during 1914 on practically all of the railroads of the country. Respectfully submitted, FRANK V. WHITING, Chairman.

An Odd Apology.

This is the classic apology of a celebrated statesman of the last generation: "Mr. Speaker, in the heat of debate I stated that the right honorable gentleman opposite was a dishonest and unprincipled adventurer. I have now, in a calmer moment, to state that I am sorry for it."

One Lesson Learned.

"In this practice to become a soldier your first lesson must be of prompt and unquestioning obedience to your superior officer."

That's all right, captain; I'm married. What's the next lesson?—Baltimore American.

FRANCES STARR WILL PLAY TITLE ROLE DEC. 8

Frances Starr at the Powers' Theatre, matinee and night, Wednesday, December 8, in her latest triumph, "Marie-Odile," the sale of seats for which will open at the box office tomorrow morning, Miss Starr's appearance in Grand Rapids will be one of the conspicuous theatrical events of the season and it is doubtful if any other during the year will equal it in popular interest or appeal. It is said that no play approaching this latest work of Mr. Knoblauch's in spiritual beauty has been seen on the stage for a long time. Miss Starr in the title role appears as a girl of sixteen, a novice in an Alsatian convent, who, until an invading party of Uhlans descended upon the convent during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, has never seen a man except the venerable priest, who visits the convent once a week, and Peter, the aged gardener. It is a role of rare poetic and spiritual charm, presenting this talented and youthful artiste in a characterization entirely different from anything she has heretofore attempted. The Belasco Theatre, New York cast and production will be brought here intact. Matinee prices 25c to \$1.50; night 50c to \$2.00.

J. H. PATTERSON DECLARES NOW IS TIME TO ADVERTISE

In the National Cash Register company meeting, gathered from all parts of this continent, reports were made indicating the general improvement of business conditions everywhere. Of the 800 salesmen present, all but one said that his territory was moving fast toward a business boom. On the basis of these reports, John H. Patterson, president and general manager of the Cash Register company, predicted that the approaching era of prosperity would probably exceed anything this country has ever known. As a preface to his remarks, he reviewed the business depression of the previous two years. This, he said, had affected all lines—agriculture, mining, industry, commerce and finance.

"Now," he continued, "the boom is on. Agricultural interests are the first to feel it. The farmers have record-breaking crops, with a big demand. Confidence has been re-established. Various industries have picked up, one after another. Then the stores needed goods, and factory wheels began to move. Then commerce and transportation reflected the change. Finally, it was manifest in the financial world. We have plenty of money and the best banking system in the world today."

"Now is the time for storekeepers to advertise," added Mr. Patterson. He is backing up his opinion with his money. His company is spending more than \$200,000 for advertising.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD FOR MARY M. SPARKS

Saturday, November 27 was the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of the Mary M. Sparks at the home of her son, Wm. Sparks on Smoky Row. Forty-four friends and neighbors were present. The day was spent pleasantly with music by "Wid" Howe; recitation by Mrs. Henry Skelenger and a poem read by Harley Wright and a story by S. Chickering. Mrs. Mary M. Sparks by H. S. Forman, November 27, 1915.

Dear friends and neighbors We have met here today; To cheer a lone traveler On life's weary way. And if we all try To make some remarks I think we can cheer up Our friend, Mrs. Sparks.

O, yes! she was here Long before I and you; Her age I am told Is just ninety-two. She has lived in this county For seventy years. And has had her sorrow, Her joys and her fears

But through all the hardships She has had to pass, She still is quite hearty, And a gay little lass. Of course, she got married, And built new home In the midst of the woods.

Where Indians were plenty And white people few, And the ways of the Indians She very well knew. She had them for neighbors, And well understood, If they were well used, They were sure to be good.

And later in life To add to their joys, They had quite a family Four girls and six boys. But some have passed over The unknown divide; Let's hope she will meet them there On the other side.

Yes, they cleared up the timber, Where the Indians did roam, And built for themselves A most beautiful home. With their children around them, So happy and gay, They lived in contentment For many a day.

But the death angel called On her partner one day, And took the fond parent And husband away. And left her alone On life's flooding tide, And to do her best She has ever since tried.

And this is her birthday, So we have met here To have a nice party, Her spirits to cheer. May she have more birthdays As she floats down life's tide, Let's hope she'll be happy Across the divide.

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