

Son Cares For Aged Parents.

A letter was recently received in this city from John Simons and his wife of Grand Rapids, to the effect that they had gone to Ionia and taken the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Simons, Sr., away from the county house where another son had taken them and that John and his wife would hereafter care for the aged parents at their Grand Rapids home. The letter stated that the old couple were

happy and contented since leaving the county home and that they would enjoy life with John, at his home. This will be welcome news to the many local friends of the old couple.

Give your own house all those little personal touches that make a house a home. Don't waste your finest impulses on somebody else's house.

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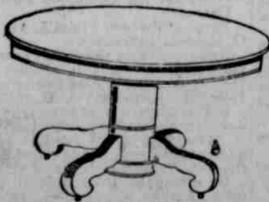
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LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Matilda Riniker spent Monday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Hazel Stultz left for Muskegon Monday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Harry Conant was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Don't neglect to hunt up Bricker's advertisement this week and take advantage of the bargains offered in it.

On Tuesday evening, February 25, the Palo Odd Fellows will visit the local lodge and will put on work in the first degree. All members are requested to turn out to this meeting.

Miss Rena Minier left for Grand Rapids Monday to visit her uncle, J. W. Minier.

Mrs. A. J. Ross of Jackson returned to her home Monday after visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Melissa Cobb.

Mrs. Geo. Sabin and Mrs. J. B. Luscombe were in Greenville today to visit with Mrs. Fred Clancy at the Greenville hospital.

Mrs. Clancy seems to be getting along nicely.

Read the Empress theater adv on page three. There are some very good photoplays listed there.

The next meeting of the L. O. T. M. will be held at Mrs. Charles Williams', West May street Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Link and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simons visited in Greenville Sunday.

Mr. Peterman of Sidney spent Sunday with relatives.

Friends of Mrs. S. J. Simons will be pleased to learn that she is doing nicely at the home of her son, John, in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Carroll Spider visited with Mrs. Edward McHale Monday.

Mrs. Edward McHale and Miss Beatrice Simons spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Ethel Brown returned to work after a few days at home near Ashley.

Our first assembly will open March 3 at 9 p. m., Hubbell hall. Mrs. L. Tanner.—Adv.

Mrs. Arnold Schmidt and Miss Eva Hauck went to Grand Rapids Friday evening and remained until Saturday evening visiting friends and attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamber and the former's brother, Charles Gamber of Cleveland, O., attended the auto show in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Miss Vivian Steele, the maiden who rules the front office of this newspaper with an iron hand, left this morning for a few days' sojourn in Detroit with relatives and friends. Before leaving she intimated that she might step on foreign soil before returning. She started on the long trip alone but expected an addition to the party at Grand Rapids. Oh, but we're lonesome.

Even chronic cases of rheumatism yield to Rhuema's power, says Wortley & French, the druggists. If it doesn't help, your money will be returned.—Adv.

Takes in Tractor Convention

Neil Jersey, of Boyne City, arrived in the city Thursday evening for a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jersey. Neil is connected in an official capacity with a promising tractor manufacturing concern at Boyne City and was on his way as a representative from the firm to the national tractor convention which is being held in Kansas City, Mo., this week. His wife, formerly Miss Minnie Larsen of this city, was with him and she will visit in Chicago while Neil is at the convention. Neil, whom his former associates always called "Pip", learned the machinist's trade in this city and

later on went to Boyne City where he owned a garage for a time, selling this business to take an interest in the tractor concern, which promises to be a great thing, several of the northern Michigan millionaires having taken a hearty financial interest in the tractor, which is a four wheel drive affair and away ahead of anything in the tractor market, as Neil stated.

GRATTAN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman of Oakfield spent Tuesday at Noble Spencer's.

Mrs. Ruth Burbano was a recent visitor at Jay Norton's in Grand Rapids.

The school social held at the Grange hall Wednesday evening was well attended and a good time reported. Proceeds, \$12.

Mrs. Jule Oamer returned home on Saturday after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. James Williams of Oakfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beck of Greenville are visitors at the homes of George Rhodes and Glen Spicer.

Ray Oamer came home Friday from East Lansing and is very ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jule Oamer. He has a relapse of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brooks entertained Saturday and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bear and son, Randall of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Bear were former residents of this village and they expect to leave in about a week for Alabama where Mr. Bear has a position.

Mrs. Laughlin passed away at her home early Thursday morning. Funeral and burial took place Saturday morning at Parnell.

Don't forget that the Jolly Washington club meets this year with the president and secretary, Mr. and Mrs. John Bookey. All members try and be present for a god time is always assured.

SPENDS MONEY LIKE A DRUNKEN SAILOR

(Continued from Page One.)

I never saw such a holiday crowd on the street as there was there that evening. As I had to take a train at 1 a. m. the next morning I went to bed at 8. At 11 o'clock that night there came a terrific knocking at my door. I had asked to be called at 4 a. m. and until I turned on the light and looked at my watch I thought that was what it was. As the knocking still continued I opened the door. It was the "Boots." I had not left my shoes outside of my door to be cleaned and he was after them. I did not leave them out as I thought he might not have them back by 4 a. m., so after telling him to beat it, I went back to bed.

In the morning the train was so crowded when I got there. Although their compartment was full, some French soldiers invited me in and we all took turns standing up.

The ride was wonderful. We were going along the French Riviera, mountains on one side and the sea on the other. Everywhere were some very wonderful, palm trees, orange trees in fruit, olive trees and roses blooming in millions. We passed through regus and Carnes and came to Nice. I got off at Nice and found the city crowded. It was New Year's eve. Nice has a celebration, a regular carnival of flowers New Year's eve. I enjoyed it for awhile, but finally the crowd got tiresome, and as I had a hard time finding a hotel, I took a train back at 10 p. m. to Carnes. I spent nearly all of yesterday, New Year's day in Carnes. It is almost a new city—made popular by the English, Lord Brougham and King Edward made it. Late in the afternoon I took the train here to Grasse where I am going to stay for three or four days. Grasse is a very old place back in the Maritime Alps. I am sending you some postcard pictures of it. I like it here very much. The chief industry of Grasse is perfume making.

A French officer that I met here is going to take me through one of the factories tomorrow. This afternoon we are going to climb one of the heights beyond the town from where we can see Nice, Carnes and Monte Carlo and if it is real clear, away out at sea we will be able to see Covica, the island where Napoleon was born. The hotel I am staying at is a stone building and colder than an ice house even when the sun is shining brightly as it is right now. I have a big down coverlet on my bed almost a foot thick and I slept very comfortably last night.

Well, my vacation has been broken off and I don't just exactly know where I shall go next. The day before yesterday I was walking down one of the steep stone paved streets in Grasse when I slipped and fell. I broke the fall with my left hand. It pained a little at the time but then didn't bother me much the rest of the day, although of course, I did not use it. However, I had a bad night of it that night so the next day, yesterday, I came back to Carnes and looked up one of our military medical stations. After a short examination I was sent out to the hospital. My left wrist is sprained and possibly broken, that last cannot be told for certain until an X-ray is made. Meanwhile it looks on the face of it as if I were in for a stay here. The pain is practically over and I am feeling top notch. The only thing that bothers me is that I am separated from the company and if it were not for that I wouldn't mind since this is one gorgeous place. The hospital is in one of the fine English hotels several miles east of Carnes perched up on a cliff with several million dollars' worth of scenery scattered around on all sides. The room I have would in previous times cost me the price of a Ford about once a month and the brand of grub they feed us here would make even a shipbuilder's mouth water and you know that they are the only class left who can afford to eat real grub. Besides that there are Y. W. C. A. girls and Red Cross workers and goodness knows what else all around making life both exciting and embarrassing. However, I hope I can get back to the company soon. I know it is only a mudhole, but I am homesick for it. With love, Charlie.

Serzt. C. C. Roe, 12th Co., 20th Eng., A. E. F., A. P. O. 705.

What is the Value of Your Dollar?

A good investment will cause its value to expand, perhaps double. A poor investment will surely cause it to decrease in value. Purchases made at the Yellow Front are ALL good investments because the value of the dollar is always maintained, frequently increased. Careful selection of merchandise, backed by good wholesome business policies, is your constant assurance of this fact.

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I have always felt that the best security for civilization is the dwelling and that upon properly appointed and investing dwellings depends more than anything else the improvement of mankind. Such dwellings are the nursery of all domestic virtues and without a becoming home the exercise of those virtues is impossible.—Beaconsfield.

Better a modest cottage "home" than a mansion "house." Better build to suit your means and station in life than to rent beyond both. Make your house your home.

The people who today own their own homes have shown their confidence in the community in the past by investing their savings in that community. They are the substantial citizens of the community. The small investments that they began have grown to large and substantial investments, and while they were saving their investments and had them in homes their credit was always good and tided them over when over difficulty arose. Confidence, one of the essentials of success comes from the knowledge of ownership of a home.

"Home" has been the inspiration of the finest literature of all ages. Either happiness at the home fireside or longing for it has inspired the poet and the romancer.

It is in middle and old age that the comfort and security of home make their strongest appeal. Do not be deluded with the thought that you will be as contented then as now in a rented house. Build a home for yourself and thus provide for comfort, security and happiness in old age.

Be A Booster.

Be a booster if you can, Booster of your fellowman. Boost your county, boost your state, Boost your town at any rate. Boost it as a place to live. Boost it—every boost you give Makes the town a better town—Boost it up, don't knock it down.

Be a booster—for you can; Boosting is the better plan. Boosters always win acclaim. Boost the knockers to their shame. Boost them when they need your help. Make them yell instead of yelp. Boost them till they have to boost: Boost them up, or off the roost.

Better not spend too much time looking over the automobile catalogs until you have selected the house plans. When the house has been built you'll know where is the handiest place for the garage.

Will the Environment of This Town Keep Your Boy Here?

This town may never be a Chicago or a New York, but it can be made to grow. If you have the impression that these cities grew entirely because of their geographical location, you are wrong. That helped, but it took conscientious work and perseverance to make them grow and keep them growing. There isn't a man in this town who would want to see it become a town of tenements. This town is a better place to live in. You get the rain, the sunshine and fresh air here, while in these big cities you get rain, little sunshine and practically no fresh air. If your boy talks of going to the city, advise him otherwise. Keep him here in his own home, where environments are good and pure. If you want your children and your grandchildren around to cheer you when shadows of time begin creeping into your life, make this town so good your boy will want to stay here. Show him the old home is preferable to the big city as a place in which to live.

A New Leaf.

Whereas, Public Sentiment, manifested in community cooperation is an invincible Force;

Whereas, Individual Indifference forbids healthy Public Sentiment and when in controy depresses and stifles;

Whereas, The Community is the Body of which Individual Citizens are Members and the Body cannot be strong if the members be atrophied; and

Whereas, Without action Life is impossible, Death inevitably ensuing; therefore be it

Resolved, That, in the years to come, I shall Believe in my Fellow Townsmen and have Faith in My Community and shall make known my Belief and Faith in season and out of season by all my public and private acts and utterances;

Whereas, All that I have and all that I can hope for in a Material, Moral and Social way, are inseparably United with my Community's Fate; be it further and finally

Resolved, That I shall Supplement my Faith in my Fellow and my Belief in my Community by Giving Freely of my Time and my Money in promoting my Community's—therefore My Own—Interests.

Home should be an oratorio of the memory, singing to all our after life melodies and harmonies of old-remembered joy.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The sweetest type of heaven is home—nay, heaven is the home for whose acquisition we are to strive the most strongly. Home, in one form and another, is the great object of life. It stands at the end of every day's labor and beckons us to its bosom; and life would be cheerless and meaningless, did we not discern across the river that divides from the life beyond glimpses of the pleasant mansions prepared for us.—J. G. Holland.

It's funny what a "nut" home ownership makes of a fellow; four-leaved clovers grow more plentifully on his lot than on any other; even the sun shines brighter, the grass is greener, the climate more hospitable; in fact ownership turns an ordinary house and lot into a "microcosmos," a little world different from all others, a world of the home-owner's own making.

Cling to thy home! If there the meaneast shed Yield thee a hearth and shelter for thy head, And some poor plot with vegetables stored Be all that heaven allots thee for thy board, Unsavory bread and herbs that scatter'd grow, Will on the river bank or mountain brow; Yes e'en this cheerless mansion shall provide More heart's repose than all the world beside.—Leonidas.

Pushers and Pessimists. Pushers are usually in the thick of the business fight, producing. Pessimists growl on the outskirts, waiting to seize the spoils the pushers win. Pushers build and pessimists tear down. Pushers blaze new trails. Pessimists and brave. Pessimists are gloomy and brave. Pessimists are gloomy, doleful, grouchy and weak. Pushers boost each other and so, boost all. Pessimists knock each other, and thus they fall. Pushers bring prosperity. Pessimists throw blight on all prosperity. We're going to be a Pusher. What are you going to be—and do? —Ohio Print.

Home ownership has its influence on public affairs of the community. A man who does not own property is apt to show an influence in public affairs in proportion to his lack of investment. Let a man acquire a home, and see the difference in his attitude. A real home is an inspiration. It is an incentive to good citizenship, an anchor for the family, and finally a cornerstone of the community's life and solidity.