

'ROUND ABOUT US.

Newsy Items Gathered in by the Banner's Staff of Special Correspondents.

Otisco.

Forest Fee and lady of Greenville spent Sunday at F. R. Luscombe's.

Remember the Graphophone entertainment to be given at the hall Saturday night by the Messrs. Totten. All should attend. Admission 10 cents.

The people of Cook's Corners all had an opportunity to get their life insured this week by a man seeking to organize a lodge of the Order of Patriarchs at this place.

Sunday while little Allan Kimberly was taking a sweat in an alcohol bath cabinet, some clothes about his shoulders took fire from the flame, burning his back and shoulders quite badly.

Old Mrs. Phillips, who has been dangerously sick with inflammation of the lungs, is rapidly gaining health. Mrs. Ed. Phillips, who has been caring for her, spent a few days with her sister in Orleans, who is not expected to live.

L. D. Carpenter and Earl Warren have been engaged this week building an ice house for Mr. Upson but "Peep" has lost all hope of filling it this season as he thinks the cold weather at an end. Let us hope so. Enough of it, so say we all.

The P. L. C. are now practicing for another entertainment to be given at the hall March 3. It will consist of three plays interspersed with fine instrumental and vocal music. All know the high class entertainments this club are capable of giving and all should come and while listening to the fun in this one, cast off all thoughts of frozen potatoes, muddy roads and all such reminders of the past cold snap.

Orleans.

John Hill is very sick.

Mrs. Wheeler is visiting friends of Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamman were in Belding Friday.

Miss Erma Grant of Belding Sundayed at A. B. Grant's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Purdy visited at Ira Purdy's of Otisco Friday.

Mrs. Alfred Palmer visited at E. E. Fales' in Belding Thursday.

Mrs. Bert Whipple and little son are visiting her people of Smyrna.

Al. Sherwood is visiting his people in Grand Rapids for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morton entertained their two sons the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woldridge were guests at Royal Hawkins' Thursday.

Quite a number of our people are wrestling with the grippe and measles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elory Mosher, nee May Emery, of Otisco, a nice baby boy.

Mrs. Shuarts had a stroke of paralysis while visiting at her daughter's in Ionia last week.

Mrs. Julia Hubbs and Mrs. L. Lincoln of Greenville visited relatives here last Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Purdy and son returned from Greenville Tuesday where they had been visiting relatives.

Frank Edmonds of Grand Rapids has been in town visiting his sisters, Mrs. Tom Murray and Mrs. Guy Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Little, nee Nettie Robinson, of Woodward Lake rejoice over the arrival of a bouncing baby girl.

Another pioneer has gone to rest. Mrs. Daniel Hoyt died Wednesday morning. Funeral Saturday at the M. E. church. Sermon by Rev. Gibbs.

She was laid at rest by the side of her husband in the Orleans cemetery. She rests from her labors but her works do follow after her.

North Orleans.

Is this spring or are we to have winter again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall visited at John King's Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Brown is sewing this week for Mrs. Devine.

Mrs. Mary Hall entertained company from Ludington last week.

Jean Lyle of Belding visited in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Stevens is very sick. Dr. Stanton of Belding is the attending physician.

Will Pretzel is staying at Guy Beech's and doing his chores. Mr. Beech was taken insane one day last week but is some better now.

Mrs. Charles Hagadorn died Monday night at five o'clock. She has been sick for some time. She was married to Charles Hagadorn about one year ago.

Wolverton Plains.

J. M. Harlow finished his log job Monday.

E. B. Wise who has been confined to the house for a week is able to be out some again.

Etta Scram was able to resume her school duties Monday after an illness of two weeks.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Smith, of Smyrna. Thus the old time friends go one by one.

Mrs. Nora Redmond, of Leslie, has come to spend the remainder of the winter with her parents, J. M. Harlow and wife.

Long Lake.

Dan Way drives a new horse now. Will Canavan is working for Mr. Ashby.

Ed. Ashby and wife was at his father's Monday.

Jean Lyle of Belding spent Saturday at Geo. Connor's.

Grandma Lane visited her son, Oscar, a couple of days last week.

Geo. Uter has been seriously sick the past week and is not out of danger yet.

It looks and feels as though spring had come. It seems good to have it warm again.

Chas. Thayer and wife went to Stanton Tuesday to attend the funeral of his sister Hattie.

Mrs. Joe Pretzel went to Ionia the first of last week to attend the funeral of her uncle's daughter.

Gordie Davis and wife from Corunna and also Ben Hodge and wife of Lyons visited at Geo. Uter's last week.

Jesse Berry's baby died in Chadwick Monday night. It has been very sick for about three weeks with spinal fever.

Will Pretzel is helping take care of Guy Beach, who is very sick, being out of his head some of the time so that it took five men to hold him.

Died, Monday about five o'clock, Mrs. Chas. Hagadorn, formerly known as Jane Goul. She was a great sufferer before she died but was conscious up to the last. She had the grippe a few weeks ago and that together with the terrible pain she has had in her back and stomach was the cause of her death. The last words she spoke was to tell her husband not to try to lift her or it might hurt his side again. Her brother, Peter, and niece, Mrs. Murphy, of Greenville came Tuesday to stay until after the funeral.

Smyrna.

A. J. Dickens is on the sick list.

Clark Hoppough, of Orleans, was in town last Thursday.

Frank Hoppough and wife, of Orleans, visited relatives here a few days last week.

The Maccabees held their social here last week. It netted the society \$20 and a very pleasant time is reported.

Andrew Skellenger who has been very sick for three weeks is now able to sit up. He is cared for by Dr. Pinkham.

Tommy Skellenger who has been helping to care for his cousin, Andrew, expects to go to work this week for Bert Mast, in Grattan, cutting timber.

As Rostan Skellenger returned from hunting ducks the other day he was weary. Ducks had been shy so Rostan called on his friend, the proprietor of Hotel Green, and sat his winchester down in the corner. Guy Purdy coming in picked it up for examination and not understanding the mechanism, the gun was accidentally discharged and tore a large hole in the floor, shocked the nerves of the landlord and caused him to jump four feet in the air and say he felt like a boneless codfish. No one was injured however.

Fairplains.

Ray Rich is home again.

School closes this week Friday.

More wedding bells in Fairplains this week.

The sick are all getting better around here.

Worden Lake is going to work the Rasmussen farm this summer.

Lewis Emmons is working in Trufant running an engine in a shingle mill.

Mrs. Robert Freeze of Belding is staying with her mother, Mrs. John Rasmussen, for a while.

The young people gave Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colvin a surprise party at Greenville Friday night.

Charles Andrews moves to the Chet Miller farm this week where he intends to work this summer.

We very well remember when Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Weeks were married. We were at that time one of Mrs. Weeks nearest neighbors and we are glad to know they are both alive and well, prosperous and happy. We hope they may live to enjoy their golden wedding.

Shiloh.

John Bates is working for C. E. Peabody for a few days.

W. F. Busch is working for the Grand Trunk at Detroit.

Miss Lucy Beasley has been working for Benj. Hall at Long Lake.

J. W. Drake has been sick for some time but is now getting better.

C. D. Esterbrook and Albert Crane are putting up their ice about two feet thick.

Those who were at Ionia Saturday were C. H. Brown, L. P. Guptiel and Geo. Hubbard.

E. E. Brown and family spent Sunday at Orleans, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ashby.

H. H. Decker has returned from Owosso where he has been working for the Grand Trunk system.

Nearly everyone reports frost in their cellars during the cold snap. Some have had quite heavy losses on potatoes.

Grattan Grange.

The Grange February 16th was well attended and everybody seemed to enjoy being present. The joining people wore their best clothes and best behavior, and had perfumery on their handkerchiefs. The older members were not far behind as regards good feelings, especially Brother Ramsdell.

A large amount of correspondence was on the secretary's desk to be read and disposed of. Brother Ackert tendered his resignation as correspondent to the BELDING BANNER on act of not being able to be present at all the meetings.

He feels that he has been used "just right" by the Grange and the editor of the BANNER, and extends his thanks to both, believing that the Grattan Grange is the banner Grange in Kent county and that the BELDING BANNER is the best local paper this side of the Rocky Mountains.

After an intermission the following program was introduced by the Lecturer Mrs. Ramsdell: Select Reading..... Mrs. Laura Clemens Recitation, "She got a Fool for a Husband" and he got a Fool for a Wife..... Ira Smith Select Reading..... Mrs. John Emmons Essay..... Otto Slayton Recitation..... Fannie Bookley

A Dutch piece recited by Clayton Scott brought down the house and kept it down till he consented to take the floor again and he then recited "Tim O'Grades Goat" and he was cheered till the old hall shook.

Otto Slayton's essay on "Fertilizing our Farms" was well handled and good thoughts were brought out. He is a graduate from the Agricultural College and is a young gentleman that the Grange feels proud of.

The Kent County Grange will hold a meeting at the Silver Lake Grange hall, March 1st and 2nd. The program is a good one but perhaps if the lecturer of the County Grange had selected some one from among the members belonging to the County Grange from this Grange to speak it would have had a tendency to have secured a larger delegation from this Grange.

Slayton.

The sick are improving. A few new cases.

Everything froze in Hilt Watkins' cellar recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Slayton are under the doctor's care.

Miss Fannie Bookley is up at Wheeler Pond's helping care for the sick.

Miss Maude Hessler entertained the Bachelor Girls club last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Watkins entertained the pedro club Saturday evening.

Everyones water pipes are frozen, making it very inconvenient for watering stock.

J. H. Hessler and O. I. Watkins attended the convention at Grand Rapids last week.

Homer Cutler and wife of Lake county visited relatives and friends over Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Hessler and daughter, Maude, were callers at A. W. Slayton's Monday afternoon.

A number from this vicinity attended the valentine social held with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith February 15. It was a success. The highest price paid for one valentine was seventy-five cents.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption: she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great discovery at Fisk Bangs' and Connell Bros.' drug stores. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

"How will you have your eggs cooked?" asked the waiter.

"Make any difference in the cost of 'em?" inquired the customer, cautiously.

"No."

"Then cook 'em with a slice o' ham!" said the customer, greatly relieved.—Tit-Bits.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe.

George W. Waitt of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by Fisk Bangs, druggist.

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"At last, after all these years of infinite precaution, I went to a first class specialist to find out how much longer I'd last and was assured that I hadn't one single symptom of the malady. Talk about removing a mountain from a man! That assurance knocked off an entire range. It changed the color of the universe in a twinkling, and I was so happy I wanted to just throw up my hat and yell."

"That was a couple of years ago, and I have enjoyed myself tip-top ever since up to one day last week, when I happened to be chatting with the specialist and remarked that I'd like to murder that sawbones in Texas. 'I don't blame you,' he said. 'That man had no right to tell you that you had heart disease. If I had found you right at death's door, I certainly would never have let you know it.' Now, by Jove, I don't know who or what to believe and am drifting back to the old state of uncertainty. I wish I lived in a cannibal island and had never heard of doctors."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Milk and Mathematics.

When Thomas drove up to deliver the usual quart of white mixture, the gentleman of the house kindly inquired, "Thomas, how many quarts of milk do you deliver daily to your customers?"

"Ninety-one, sir."

"And how many cows have you?"

"Nine, sir."

The gentleman made some remarks about an early winter and the state of the roads, and then asked, "Thomas, how much milk per day do your cows average?"

"Seven quarts, sir."

"Ah, um!" said the gentleman, as he moved off.

Thomas looked after him, scratched his head, and all at once grew pale as he pulled out a short pencil and began to figure on the wagon cover: "Nine cows is nine, and I set down seven quarts under the cows and multiply. That's 63 quarts of milk. I told him I sold 91 quarts per day. Sixty-three from 91 leaves 28 and none to carry. Now, where do I get the rest of the milk? I'll be hanged if I haven't given myself away to one of my best customers by leaving a big cavity in these figures to be filled with water!"—London Sketch.

Not In Hobson's Class.

"How big was Alexander, pa, that people call him great?"

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—Chicago Record.

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