

Local Brevities.

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

Mark Hoppough is doing Deputy Sheriff work in Ionia as court officer.

Robert Allison and wife of Greenville were Sunday guests at Ray Watson's.

Ed Bliss was home from Ionia over Sunday, he is working at Carpenter work on the asylum building.

Mrs. L. LaBlanc, who lost two ten dollar bills on the street two weeks ago offers \$5.00 reward to the finder.

Mrs. C. E. Algeo has a large line of household furnishings including feather beds and pillows for sale at the H. H. Gooding place.

At Congregational church Sunday morning, subject, "The Millennium," evening, lecture with stereopticon, "Flight of the Soul and First Psalms."

Mrs. Frank Ambrose, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Gregg for the past week, returned to her home in Vermont Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ritter received a visit from George L. Ritter of Blissfield and J. A. Ritter of St. Louis, the latter spending Thanksgiving day here.

Mrs. C. E. Algeo is here this week packing her household goods preparatory to moving to Clarksville. She has already commenced business at her store in that village.

The lecture given by Dr. Lancaster at the Congregational church Wednesday evening was well attended and the learned doctor was listened to with much interest. The church will clear about \$12 from the proceeds.

Wm. Covert returned from Seattle last Saturday and will remain in Michigan a few weeks before going back. He states that his son Will is head over heels in the building line and business is on the move all the time there.

At Church of Christ Sunday morning subject, "The C. W. B. M." Evening, "Accepting Salvation," being third in the series; first, "Great Salvation;" second, "Neglecting Salvation." Missionary rally meeting at Ionia Friday, Dec. 11, with fine program.

The Graham & Morton Transportation Company have discontinued their daily transportation service from Benton Harbor to Chicago, a steamer however will run tri-weekly, from Benton Harbor Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning alternate days.

The Baptist ladies will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles at their church Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Sale begins at 10 o'clock a. m. Chicken pie dinner at 11:30, at 25 cts. Oyster supper at 5:30 o'clock, 20 cts. The men of the church will serve supper.

Ed H. Wilson is attending the International Stock Show in Chicago. He makes it a point to be present at these annual events and finds very much to interest him in the display of the finest stock that is produced in the world. The Show is a great event and brings together the best horses, cattle and stock from all parts of the world. Mr. Wilson was accompanied by Levi Marshall and wife of Ionia and Ed Cowan and wife of Easton. The party expect to be gone two weeks.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held Wednesday evening and a delightful feature was an old fashioned picnic lunch which was greatly enjoyed. The pastor acted as toastmaster and M. L. Osterhout's toast was relation of church and business man; Miss Maud Krapp's, church and young people; E. N. Pitkin, church and schools; Fred L. Warner, church and civic life. There was fine music, the treasurer reported all bills paid and money in the treasury.

Mrs. Clayton M. Chapman was the guest of relatives in this city over Sunday.

Mrs. C. VanSickle of Howard City was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ball last week.

Mrs. Ella Abbott of Albion has been the guest of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Abbott.

T. S. Stevenson of Ionia was in the city Monday on his way to adjust a fire loss near here.

P. M. Brown and wife of Big Rapids were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Char. A. Wagner over Sunday.

J. G. Wilbur is taking in near by towns selling shoes until after the holidays, when he will start on one of his long trips.

Miss Blanche Benedict was home from Lansing for the Thanksgiving vacation. Her sister Beulah was with her and Miss Ezzetta Gilbert accompanied them as their guest.

Fred Snyder and wife of Stanwood have been guests of Z. Sovaren. Mrs. Snyder went to Canada Monday to visit her old home, while Mr. Snyder returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed and Mrs. Earl Vincent and children of Owosso have been guests of relatives here for the past week. Mrs. Reed returned Monday but Mrs. Vincent remained for a longer visit.

Ernie White is home this week with an injured hand. He has been running an engine on a wood and lumber job in the country and in some manner got his hand bruised and burned on the machinery.

Dewey Hammond and wife of Grand Ledge were in the city Saturday, having been visiting at George Ravell's and Fred Currie's in Orleans. Mr. Hammond owns a farm near Grand Ledge but resides in town and is engaged in buying stock.

According to a postal card message borne by a stork received by Mrs. M. E. Ritter last week, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Richmond of Seattle, Washington, are the happy parents of a ten-pound daughter. The little one is already named Gertrude Elizabeth.

A reunion of the late Belden Rich family was held on Thanksgiving day at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt in the township of Keene, where a sumptuous dinner of roast turkey and other good things was served. Those present were Mrs. Belden Rich, Charles Rich, Walter Rich, Bert Rowley and their families. A very pleasant time was enjoyed and the day will long be remembered by all present.

W. E. Leach is in receipt of a letter from W. A. Chave, who with his family, removed from here to California a few years ago, which states that he is to have an operation on one of his eyes, he having lost the sight of the other eye entirely and has feared he might lose this one also. He owns a five acre orange and walnut ranch near Los Angeles, where he resides Mrs. G. B. Sabin also writes that she owns an orange and walnut ranch near them.

Mrs. Mary Rearick was in Ionia Monday having business in the Probate Court.

Alfred Palmer left Monday for Chicago to attend the great international ten days' horse show. Mr. Palmer is a breeder of fine Percheron horses and now has twenty six on his farm in Orleans. Recently he sold five fine stallions which went into the hands of a company at Byron, Mich., making a business of dealing in blooded and registered stock. Before returning Mr. Palmer will visit several stock farms in Illinois and may purchase a number of horses to bring home with him.

Notice
Grocery stores close at 6:30 every night Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Miss Ethel Doyle of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with friends in Belding.

Geo. Stout of Stanwood has been the guest of his brother, Chas. H. Stout, this week.

Your attention is called to the ads of Lawrence & Walbrink found on pages 6 and 8 of this issue.

Mesdames L. E. Green and Walter Lambertson enjoyed a day's outing in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peabody of Shiloh visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Dan King, and family Saturday and Sunday.

H. A. Lamb and wife have returned from their visit to Richland, having visited her mother and Wilbur Whitney and wife.

Mrs. E. E. Shaw and Mrs. Charles Northway went to Greenville Monday. Mrs. Northway will make an extended visit there and at other places.

Frank J. Lamb of Greenville was a guest at John Rossman's over Sunday. His wife is staying with Mrs. Rossman for a few weeks, the latter being confined to the house by sickness.

A. H. Norton, while drawing wood at his farm south of Smyrna one day last week, had the misfortune to fall from the load when one of the wheels went into a rut, injuring his side and it is thought that a rib is fractured.

See McCarty & Charles in their double song an dance act at the Royal Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10. Prof. Charles will also be there with his trained dogs. The regular moving pictures and illustrated songs will also be given. Admission 10 cents.

Chas. Brown of Grand Rapids was in the city this week. He is looking well and says he is feeling much better than he was a few months ago. He made the hunting trip with H. J. Leonard, Chas. Madden and Will Case to the northern peninsula this fall and killed a couple of deer, the others also getting their quota.

The late W. R. Tebbel came to Smyrna twenty-eight years ago from Ypsilanti and took possession of the mill property which he purchased at the time. His son George Tebbel, assisted by John Tebbel, will continue the business which he so successfully built up. Besides those mentioned in the obituary last week, he leaves two daughters, Misses Edna and Nellie Tebbel.

Watch for the Christmas number of The Hub Howler out Dec. 10. It's full of Christmas gift suggestions.

The hairdressing parlors will be open on Saturdays from 1:30 to 6 p. m. for those desiring hair goods or toilet articles.

Buy now and have your Christmas selections laid away and delivered at your door Christmas day. Foster & Ritter.

Only 18 more shopping days until Christmas. Make your selections and we will lay them away for you at Patterson's.

Have you seen those Japanese cups and saucers at Gibson's, that he is giving with 2 lbs. of 50c tea—the best tea in the city for the money.

GIRLS—Buy the loved ones at home a beautiful and useful Christmas present at our store. We pack, ship and pay all charges on same. Foster & Ritter.

Fresh dates 5c pound at Patterson's.

Have your cobbler tap your shoes next time and get the best tap in town. Just let us know and we will call for and deliver your repair work. The Hub. 17tf

Get your shoes repaired at The Hub shoe repair shop. Our cobbler's work is the best that can be done. Prices the same as elsewhere. We call for and deliver your work free. 17tf

The best pair of taps in the city at The Hub's shoe repair shop. Prices the same as elsewhere and we call for and deliver your work free. 17tf

Special sale cups and saucers, choice in our west window 10c at Patterson's.

Get your clothes cleaned and pressed at The Hub. Our tailor does first class work. Prices are right. We call for and deliver all work free. 17tf

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Newsy Business Locals

For Busy People Looking For Bargains.....

Souvenirs at Hull's Saturday. See Spencer Bros.' ad today. Bargain day at Hull's Saturday.

Large line of Xmas goods at Gibson's. Souvenirs to the ladies Saturday. A. B. Hul'

Bargains—Bargains—Bargains at Foster & Ritter's.

Connell Bros. are making a free offer to Chicken owners. 24w5

Picture framing, oval, round and square matt cutting made to your order at Foster & Ritter's.

Florida oranges 18c doz. California navel oranges 25c doz. Fancy lemons 20c doz. at Patterson's.

Free 10c package Conkey's laying tonic also 25c poultry book. Bring adv to Connell Bros. 24w5

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

A HARDWARE STORE is the Ideal place to purchase practical, sensible gifts. For the Ladies you will find here

Bissell Carpet Sweepers, Asbestos Sad Irons, Rochester Nickle Ware, Food Choppers, Bread Mixers, Roasters, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware and Kitchen Utensils of all kinds.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN--Knives, Ingersoll Watches, Guns, Revolvers, Gillette, Auto Strap and Ever Ready Safety Razors, Ordinary Razors and Tools.

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE--Skates, Sleds, Hockey Sticks and a Full Line of Sporting Goods.

We ask for a share of your Christmas Shopping.

We Never Sleep **T. Frank Ireland Co.** Yellow Front

Something new in lamps at Gibson's. Visit A. B. Hull's opening Saturday.

Season tickets for balance of the lecture course, 75c. 17tf

Christmas opening at Hull's Saturday. Watch for the Christmas number of The Hub Howler out Dec. 10. It's full of Christmas gift suggestions.

Ladies—We clean and press ladies' suits and skirts as well as men's clothes. All work called for and delivered free at The Hub. 17tf

Christmas post cards and post card albums at Patterson's.

A carload of chairs just received for the holiday trade. We respectfully ask you to inspect same. Foster & Ritter.

Conkey's Laying Tonic going fast at Connell Bros.' Poultrymen take advantage of free offer.

See our special sale on china toilet sets, 98c per set at Patterson's.



E. R. Spencer, Pres. Frank R. Chase V. Pres.

Are You on a Cash Basis?

Do you pay your bills with cash and perhaps pay them twice? Do you argue and dispute over the amounts? Do you try to keep all such records in your mind? A checking account with this bank will eliminate all such troubles. Deposit your money in this bank—pay your bills by check—that is the safest way, the modern way of doing business.

The Peoples' Savings Bank of Belding Mich.

W. L. CUSSER, Cashier

THE BANK THAT PAYS 4%

Condensed Statement of the condition of The City State Bank at Lowell, Mich., at the close of business Nov., 27, 1908, as called for by the Commissioner of The State Banking Department.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$130,577.85
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Items in Transit	2,823.55
Cash on hand and in Banks	26,286.71
	\$164,988.11
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided Profits (net)	1,732.91
Deposits	137,255.20
	\$164,988.11

Your Business Solicited
CITY STATE BANK
Lowell, Michigan

What Every Woman Likes Immensely

A Woman's hands bespeak her refinement by their grooming. She cannot groom them properly without the right tools, such as

Manicure Scissors Manicure Buffers Manicure Brushes
Manicure Files Manicure Powder Emery Boards
Manicure Knives Manicure Paste Nail Polishers
Orange Wood Sticks

When she has these she can keep her hands in such perfect condition that they will appear to be groomed by an expert. Let us help you choose a selected Manicure Set to order from our large stock.

W. I. BENEDICT, Corner Drug Store

A Letter to Santa Claus

It doesn't make any difference upon what kind of paper the children write to Santa Claus, because Santa Claus is not particular about the stationery, but when you write to Santa Claus or anybody, you owe it to yourself to use as good paper as you can afford.

Highland Linen

One of the famous Eaton-Hurlbut Writing Papers, is the kind of paper that does you justice when you write a letter to a friend. It is the kind to adorn your writing desk. Price per box, 35c.

W. I. Benedict

GREAT COAT SALE

Continued to Clear Out Our Entire Stock

We offer our entire stock of Suits and Coats at 1-3 Off!

\$25.00 Coats go at.....	\$16.66	5.00 Coats go at.....	3.34
22.00 Coats go at.....	14.66		
20.00 Coats go at.....	13.34	\$25.00 Suits go at.....	\$16.66
18.00 Coats go at.....	12.00	22.00 Suits go at.....	14.66
15.00 Coats go at.....	10.00	20.00 Suits go at.....	13.34
12.00 Coats go at.....	8.00	18.00 Suits go at.....	12.00
10.00 Coats go at.....	6.66	15.00 Suits go at.....	10.00

Do Not Miss This Great Opportunity

These Coats and Suits are of the very best quality and styles and our assortment is complete. This is an opportunity without a parallel in the Coat and Suit Business.

Spencer Bros.

TOYS

Pacing Bob.....	25c
Doll House.....	25c
Merry-go-Round.....	25c
Large Tin Stove, etc.....	25c
25c Vases.....	10c
Teddy Bears.....	5c
Elephant Banks.....	25c
Golden Lion Banks.....	10c
Tin Dishes.....	5c, 10c, 25c
Stuffed Animals.....	5c, 10c, 25c
Paints.....	5c, 10c
Games of All Kinds.....	5c, 10c
Noah's Ark, filled.....	5c
Toy Watches.....	5c, 10c
Electric Engines.....	\$1, \$2
Trotter and Sulky, iron.....	10c
Alphabet Blocks.....	10c
Large Iron Engines.....	10c
Lotto, fancy.....	10c
Roaming Rooster.....	10c
Rubber Printing Sets.....	5c, 10c, 25c

at **Benedict's**

Pictures

In every home there's a story for every Kodak to record—a story of vacation, travel and of home. But above all is the story of the children, from baby days to graduation days. It's easy work and inexpensive now—there's no dark room for any part of the work.

Brownies..... \$2 to \$5
Kodaks..... \$5 to \$12

Beautiful Stationery

IN HANDSOME BOXES. If you get it here it is right in every way.

Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

Holly designs on boxes and Christmas greeting in each box.

See our east window display

BIBLES

A well bound Bible will last you all your life. A cheap Bible will soon wear through the edge of the covers. We have Bibles to suit all tastes at all prices.

Small hand Bibles, 30c.
Sunday School Scholar Bibles, easy to read and carry, 24 colored pictures, bound in French Morocco, \$1.25

The same in 1901 revision at same price or bound in Egyptian Seal at \$1.50

Testaments, from 10c up.

Corner Drug Store

Combs Make Acceptable Gifts

You can please your wife by giving her a nice Dressing Comb. It is the companion of her crowning glory. We have some high grade rubber combs with rounded teeth to prevent cutting the hair—good strong ones that will stand lots of use. 50c

Christmas Cigars

Fine Quality in Fine Boxes with us. We want our friends who obtain their cigars from us for presenting to their friends to feel that the gift will be appreciated. Boxes of 12, 25, 50. Prices, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$4

W. I. BENEDICT

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Fountain Pens \$1