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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR. NO. 49

BELDING, MICH., THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1911.

WHOLE NO. 1050

PASSING OF M. J. DEMOREST

Excellent Citizen Called From an Active Honorable Life to the Life Beyond

DIED TUESDAY EVENING

Was Largely Identified With Growth and Improvement of the City Good Man Gone

Our city was greatly shocked on Wednesday morning when the report became current on our streets that Milan J. Demorest was dead. Many of our citizens had not heard of his recent illness and were much surprised at the sad news of his untimely taking off. About three weeks ago he was first confined to the house and unable to continue the work begun on a new dwelling which he had planned to construct for himself. He was able to be about the house a part of the time, and one day last week, although feeling rather weak, came down town, greeted his friends and transacted a little business.

Tuesday morning, he had a spell of being faint which alarmed his wife and Mr. Demorest himself realized that he was a very sick man. He rallied however, and in the evening when Dr. Pinkham called to see him he seemed quite cheerful and conversed on business matters. At a quarter to ten o'clock, while the doctor was still there, he was taken with another fainting spell and passed away at once.

Milan J. Demorest was a son of the late Clark Demorest who settled on the old farm which now comprises a part of the city more than sixty years ago, and has seen the city grow up from the forest. He was 56 years old and since his marriage in 1883 to Miss Agnes Richmond of Hoosick Falls, New York, has been closely identified with the growth, progress and improvement of the city and an important factor in its social and religious life always taking an active part in any movement for the benefit of the city. He built a number of dwelling houses and also built the block known as the Demorest Flats. A few years ago he invented the Demorest Cement Mixer which is being manufactured and sold in many places not only in the United States but in Canada as well.

Mr. Demorest was a loyal member and supporter of the Baptist church and took great interest in the work of the Sunday school, for a number of years officiating as superintendent.

He was vice president of the Washington club of which he was a valuable member and will be greatly missed in its social gatherings.

He leaves beside his wife, one son, Irving, who was called home from Detroit, Tuesday, arriving in time to see and converse with his father.

Heart disease, from which he had suffered for the past two years, was the cause of his death. The funeral services will be held Friday from the house at one o'clock and the Baptist church at two o'clock p. m. A good man has been called from our midst.

Another Lecture Course.

The Star Entertainment Company has arranged to give the citizens of this city and vicinity another excellent course of entertainments for the coming year and have spared no expense to make it the best ever given in the city. Following is the list of attractions.

Chicago Operatic Co. including Arthur Middleton who sang main bass in the Chicago Symphony Co. that sold for \$1500 per night.

A lecture by Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago.

James R. Barclay, clay modeler and cartoonist.

A lecture by Hon. James McLaren of Chicago.

The Illinois Glee Club and Musical Bell Ringers.

Dates for the attractions have not yet been arranged but will be announced later.

Purchase Your Plants

I have arranged to have on sale a choice lot of plants for bedding purposes and have 7,000 beautiful pansy plants in full bloom. I will have a display of plants at the Idlehour from May 17 to May 30 on sale or order for further delivery. Hanging baskets and window boxes filled and supplied. Get ready for Decoration day. Vegetable plants of all kinds now ready. Phone 255 49 2 Mrs. Chas. Johnson

Supper at Holy Trinity Church.

The ladies of St. Mary's Guild will serve another of their fine 15-cent suppers at Holy Trinity church on Saturday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The coffee used at the supper will be the Superior brand furnished by Ward & Schlegel of Bridge street.

Another Good Well

Gardner & Sons, who began work recently sinking another well for the city at the waterworks plant struck a good flow at 197 feet and it will run at the rate of 15 gallons a minute. Four more will be driven, which it is expected will afford the city abundance of water.

Mrs. Charles A. Wagner went to Grand Rapids Saturday to meet her husband and with him enjoy the afternoon at the matinee—"Madame Sherry."

TO OBSERVE MOTHERS DAY

GOVERNOR OSBORN'S PROCLAMATION A FINE TRIBUTE TO MOTHERHOOD

GOVERNOR OSBORN, has designated May 14th, as "Mothers' Day" and urges its observance in all parts of the state. The proclamation is as follows:

Motherhood is the sacred tide from which flows the stream of humanity. Just as that fountain is pure and holy and noble, so will be the character of our people. The very word "Mother" is a synonym for reverence. In all nature there is nothing so tender and loving and joyous as the relationship between mother and child.

Natural, willing motherhood is the measure of the vitality of a race. Willful sterility is race murder and one of the gravest dangers confronting humanity to-day.

I request the citizens of Michigan, generally, to observe the second Sunday of May, as "Mother's day." As many as possible should read the article by Theo. Roosevelt upon "Race decadence" published in the Outlook of April 8. I bespeak for this day the profound consideration and highest thought of all our people upon the theme of mother, and all that the beautiful word implies.



WAGNER-SMITH

Popular Belding Young Man Takes a Bride at Albion, New York



GEORGE E. WAGNER

It has been known for many weeks that Mr. George E. Wagner and Miss Sallie Smith were engaged, but the wedding day was not disclosed until cards came from the brides parents in Albion New York, recently, announcing the date for Wednesday, May 10th.

Mr. Wagner left for that city Saturday, and the marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. C. Smith of Waukesha, Wisconsin, an uncle of the bride.

Melvin Wagner, of the University at Ann Arbor, a brother of the groom, was best man. Besides Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Benedict of this city, there were a number of intimate friends of the bride at Albion who witnessed the ceremony. The wedding was a very pretty one and the couple received many fine gifts from friends and relatives.

After visiting friends at several points in the east, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner will come to Belding about June 1st, and make their home in this city. Both bride and groom are popular young people and have a very large circle of friends who, with the Banner, extend to them their warmest congratulations.

Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization and Review of the city of Belding will meet in the Council rooms in said city at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday, May 22, 1911, and on Tuesday, May 23, 1911, and as long thereafter as may be deemed necessary, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment rolls of the city of Belding. Said board of review will be in session from nine o'clock in the forenoon to 12 o'clock noon, and from one o'clock in the afternoon until five o'clock in the afternoon of each day.

Dated at the city of Belding, Mich., this 6th, day of May, A. D. 1911.
W. S. EDDY, City Clerk.

LaDow-Burt

Mr. Vernon L. LaDow and Mrs. Clarice Burt were married Tuesday evening by Rev. Edrie Collins in their own home on Root street; which the groom had already fitted up for his bride. They are very cozily settled and are receiving the congratulations from their many friends.

Attention Ladies! Attention

The ladies of Belding are invited to call and see the free demonstration of Stencil and Mexican Cut Out work at Jensen & Wheeler's Friday and Saturday. Don't miss this rare opportunity of seeing genuine stencil work.

Mrs. H. A. Lamb left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Ypsilanti.

TWO HEARTS UNITED

Fred Slater and Maggie Beagham Married at Holy Trinity Church

Thursday afternoon, May 4, 1911, at 3:30 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Fred Slater of this city and Miss Maggie Beagham, late of Acerrington, England. Rev. Floyd Keeler performed the ceremony at Holy Trinity Church in the presence of a goodly number of friends of the contracting parties, using the beautiful ring service of the church in the ceremony.

Mr. Slater is well known in this city as an excellent violinist, being identified with the music of the Congregational church choir and also playing at the Idlehour. Miss Beagham arrived in this city on Saturday, April 29, from Acerrington, England, having crossed the Atlantic to redeem the promise made when Fred was a resident of that country, several years ago.

The happy couple were accompanied to the altar by Fred and Beatrice Carter, while the Misses Christine Peterson, Harriet Ormerod and Ethel Carter officiated as maids of honor, each carrying a beautiful cluster bouquet of carnations. The bride, who also carried a handsome bouquet of carnations, was beautifully gowned in white, and made a pleasing impression on all who met her.

A sumptuous wedding feast was spread at the Carter home after the ceremony to which only intimate friends and acquaintances were invited, and in the evening the spacious home was filled to its capacity by their many friends at a reception given in honor of the contracting parties. Many beautiful and costly gifts were given Mr. and Mrs. Slater and the Banner joins with the host of friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

CHAUTAUQUA AT IONIA

BIGGEST FOURTH OF JULY IONIA COUNTY HAS EVER PLANNED.

Ex-Congressman J. Adam Bede Will Speak in the Afternoon—\$1,000 Display of Pain's Fireworks in the Evening.

The Chautauqua Association that has recently been organized by the business men of Ionia will bring to Ionia this summer some of the ablest speakers in the United States. The plans already formulated assure the city of the biggest, liveliest week it has ever known and the program calls for seven whole days of highest grade entertainment, beginning June 28, and closing July 4.

On June 29, Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, is to speak; on July 2, Hon. Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, will be there, and on July 4, J. Adam Bede, Ex-Congressman from Minnesota, will deliver his famous oration, "Our Nation, Its Problems and Progress." Congressman Bede is recognized as one of the greatest orators on the American platform today, and Ionia is certainly fortunate in securing such a speaker for her Fourth of July celebration.

In the evening of the fourth, there will be a magnificent \$1,000 display of Pain's Fireworks. All who attended the "Home Coming" at Ionia two years ago and saw the display of Pain's Fireworks at that time, will know what a magnificent spectacle this display of fireworks will be. This feature alone will be worth going miles to see. No other city in Central Michigan will have as splendid a Fourth of July celebration.

Plan now to spend the Fourth in Ionia. Special trains will be run the entire week.

There will be a Married Folks party at Millard hall, Friday evening, May 12. Cards until 10 o'clock followed by dancing and refreshments. Bring your wife and have a pleasant evening. Bill 75 cents.

ARE MAKING GOOD ROADS

Our City Will Soon Have Fine Driveways--Graded and Graveled

ARE FINE IMPROVEMENTS

Marshal and Street Commissioner Meginley is on the Job Right—South Bridge Street and Dugway Next.

The best indication of a live city and one up to snuff in its endeavor to attract trade is the one that pays attention to the streets and highways leading out of the city limits, putting them in a condition so that driving for pleasure or hauling heavy loads of produce may be accomplished with ease for the horse or auto and satisfaction to the driver.

City Marshal Meginley, who is also street Commissioner, did a lot of good work last year, and as a result Ellis avenue to the Demorest corners is in fine shape.

North Bridge street to Leonard street has just been finished with the grader and a top dressing of gravel, and the next road to be tackled is South Bridge street to the corporation line, and after that is completed the "Dugway" road will receive attention.

A carload of oil has been ordered for trial on the streets and should it prove satisfactory, more will be purchased in due time. Such improvements as these are worth the price and are certainly much appreciated by the public.

Boating Season Opened

The boating season on the river has opened and Henry A. Smith's boat livery is already doing a fine business. He has a commodious boat house and his canoes, clinkers, steel bottoms and flat boats are in great demand. The river as far as Lightning Bend affords excellent rowing and Kiddville may be reached by those who wish to make a pull for that point.

Mr. Smith has a lot of fine boats but will undoubtedly be obliged to make an addition to the livery before long.

The Misses Dolly Getty and Florence Detwiler were in Grand Rapids Saturday to witness "Madam Sherry" at the matinee.

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AND

CLOTH BRUSHES

59c.

38 different lines of brushes--no two alike--your choice to reduce stock--only 59 Cents...

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of weddings, anniversaries and graduations. I want you to visit my store. I have more desirable and dependable merchandise for such occasions than can be found elsewhere.

A. B. HULL,
Jeweler and Optometrist.

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BEST QUALITY LINOLEUM

for 20 days only, from

APRIL 22 to MAY 12

WE WILL SELL AS FOLLOWS:—

All 12-foot Linoleums, regular price per square yard 65c, sale price 55c
All 74-foot Linoleums, regular price per square yard 60c, sale price 50c
All 6-foot Linoleums, regular price per square yard 50c, sale price 42c

Remember—The above is not cheap, shoddy stuff, but Cook's D. & E. grade and the best we can buy in the country.

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A Big Price Surprise on Ladies' Long Coats

All our \$10 to \$12.50 coats, now	\$8.50
All our \$15 coats, now	\$10.75
All our \$16.50 to 17.50 coats, now	\$12.75
All our \$18 to \$20 coats, now	\$15.00

These are the season's best and most popular styles, and all good assortments to choose from

Special for Saturday, May 13, Only

New Summer Wash Waists of handsome Styles, white, black, blue and tan	39c
Values up to \$1.50	79c

LLOYD'S

Look Around

GLANCE around you today—pick out the prosperous young men you know. Are they living up to their pay envelopes? Do you find them "broke" at the end of the week? Do they borrow from friends to spend for pleasure? Do they play slot machines, gamble on the side? Are they usually termed "sports"? "Sports" are not prosperous, they are "four-flushers" and your prosperous, steady, reliable young man travels in another class. Prosperity, with many men, dates from their first bank deposit. Make your start today by opening an account at this bank, even though it be for a small amount.

Belding Savings Bank

of Belding

W. S. LAMBERTSON, Cashier