

Local Brevities.

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

Nathan Hill went to Reed City, Monday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Brown spent their 4th. in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. A. L. Hall went to Detroit, Monday for a week's visit in that city.

Miss Allie McIntyre of Detroit was home over Sunday to visit her father.

Romain Robinson and wife left Saturday on their return home to Buffalo.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watson went to Grand Rapids, Monday, for a visit in the city.

E. E. Hudson went to Grand Rapids, Monday, to spend his fourth in that city.

Mrs. Frank Bain left Monday for a week's visit at Greenville and Maple Rapids.

Mrs. Francis Blodgett and daughter, Eva went to Rockford, Monday, for a short visit.

Mrs. H. Peifer went to Grand Rapids, Monday for a few days visit with her son, Claude.

Mrs. May Searvell of Greenville was a guest of her friend Mrs. C. S. Arnold, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waggoner left Monday for a short visit with friends in Grand Rapids.

Miss Beatrice Stanton is home from her school work at Fremont for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Bertha Davis and her two sons spent their fourth with relatives and friends at Sheridan.

George W. Moulton and Thomas Welsh were passengers on the Grand Rapids train Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wittkowski went to Grand Rapids, Monday to spend the 4th with their parents.

Cora Skellenger went to Grand Rapids, Monday, for a ten days visit with friends in that city.

Walter Whitney is home from Pacific Grove, California, where he has been for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins went to Grand Rapids, Monday, to spend the Fourth with friends in that city.

Wm. Lunn and wife of Fairplain was in the city Wednesday to attend the funeral of Miss Nora M. Sprague.

Ray Watson has returned to his work for the Citizen Phone Company having quite fully recovered his health.

Supt. Frank C. Janes and family left for Ann Arbor Saturday, where he will remain the greater part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Graves, and Mrs. Charles Woodruff and children went to Wheeler, Monday, for a few days visit.

Mrs. L. Swarthout left Monday for a week's visit with her sister at Edmore, she was accompanied by her daughter Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. O'Bryon and grandson, Donald Pilkinton, returned Friday evening from a pleasant visit to New York state.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cutler returned to their home at Clarion, Iowa, Monday, after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morse.

Mrs. Clay Weaver and sister, Mrs. Jessie Hewell, left Saturday for Muskegon for a short visit, after which Mrs. Weaver will return to Marshall.

Dorman Knapp of Amble was the guest of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dorman, Sunday, he came on the excursion to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morse returned to their home in Belmont, Iowa, Monday, after a few weeks visit with J. D. Morse, Mrs. John Luick and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns of Fort Wayne, Indiana have been guests at the home of Mason Burns for a few days. They all went to Butternut, Monday to spend the fourth.

J. A. Witherill, Mrs. William Witherill and Frank Witherill of Lakeview were guests of Mrs. Bertha Davis, Sunday. They got the wrong train at the depot, Sunday night, and were carried to Smyrna, before they could get off and walked back to Belding in the wee small hours.

C. A. Dixon and wife together with the Idlehour force of employees enjoyed several days outing at Long Lake occupying the Pioneer Cottage they would drive to the lake in a three seated rig after the entertainment in the Idlehour and remained at the lake for the day no performance was given fourth of July evening and the whole bunch came home Wednesday having enjoyed a most delightful outing.

Mrs. Jane Pulver of Seattle Washington, and Mrs. Benard VanDenBerg and daughter Eitel Foss of Kalamazoo, are spending a week with Mrs. Rose King and Maude Wyckoff of South Front St. Mr. and Mrs. Will Ott entertained for them all July 4th, served a splendid dinner ice cream and cake and plenty of music after which a drive around the city proved a very pleasing feature.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson was an Ionia visitor Monday

Jacob King was a Lakeview visitor part of the week.

Brinton F. Hall went to Chicago on business Thursday.

Warren Maxwell is visiting relatives and friends at Clare.

Mrs. J. Ward Wells visited friends at Greenville Friday.

Mrs. N. G. King of Lakeview was a Sunday visitor here.

Miss Helen Dorr went to Ionia Monday to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lind were Grand Rapids visitors Monday.

Misses Eva and Pearl Sheller left for Detroit and Canada Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thomas are spending the week in Detroit.

Miss May Choate left Wednesday for a few weeks visit at Boyne City.

Ed Engemann left Wednesday on a business trip through the East.

Master George Whitesell spent the Fourth with relatives at Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hammonree spent the Fourth at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Steele are now living in their new home, 721 Pearl St.

Chas. Sherwood of Flint spent the Fourth with his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Coss.

Miss Fay Butcher went to Lyons Monday for a week's visit with relatives.

Miss Mildred Seelye left Wednesday for a two week's visit with relatives at Petoskey.

Miss Hazel Snow was a guest of Grand Rapids friends from Saturday to Monday.

Miss Clara Spaulding returned to Greenville, Monday, after a short visit with Belding friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips left Monday for Grand Rapids to spend the Fourth with relatives and friends.

The Ladies Social Aid will meet with Mrs. Doxey on Wednesday afternoon next, with Bohemian lunch.

John R. Bostwick of Clifton Springs, New York was a Sunday visitor at the homes of Grant Steele and Will Travis.

E. R. Chapman, principal of schools at Concord, Mich., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaDow Thursday.

Mrs. E. Daniels of Keene arrived here Wednesday for a few days visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Brown.

J. T. Connell of Benton Harbor is a guest at the home of his son Harry and is renewing his acquaintance with old time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard Leonard of Greenville spent the Fourth at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arba Face.

Mrs. Allen Morse of Middleville, Mich. and Misses Mary and Sarah Smith of Leroy, N. Y. were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shores.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stanton of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Miss Cora Kingsbury of Grand Rapids, are spending the week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kingsbury.

Mrs. A. Friedman left Wednesday for a months visit with her parents at Manistee. Usually a trip of this kind carries a lot of comfort with it during the summer months, but at the present time that city is suffering as severely from the heat as Belding.

Dr. J. F. Pinkham, Mert Eaves and Bert Gregg left Wednesday for a unique vacation trip. They go by rail to Grayling, Crawford county, where they take a small boat and start on a fishing trip down the Au Sauble river to Au Sauble city on Lake Huron, a distance of about sixty miles.

Mrs. N. C. Carpenter of Dewitt, Mich. and Mrs. Wm. Bassett of Caro, have been guests of Mrs. E. S. Moulton for the past week and on Sunday July 2nd Mrs. Moulton celebrated her seventy fifth birthday anniversary, the company composing her children and grandchildren who are living in town and the two above named guests. Miss Moulton was also home from Big Rapids. Mrs. Moulton has been a long time resident of Belding and has many friends here to extend congratulation and good wishes as she passes her seventy fifth milestone in life.

A report became current the first of the week that Harry Wiley, who left here a few weeks ago for Boulder, Colorado, had died in that city. Harry was a member of Fortuna lodge, Knights of Pythias and as soon as Commander Ed Webster heard the rumor he began an investigation at once. He telephoned all of his relatives in these parts and could get nothing definite and finally telegraphed to the Keeper of Records and Seal of the K. P. Lodge at Boulder and received the following reply last night: "Wiley is alive, will write particulars later." His many friends who heard the first report will be glad to learn that he is still alive.

Silas Cobb of Grand Rapids was in the city Monday for a short business trip.

Mrs. Harriet Simons left Monday for a two week's visit with relatives at Elsie.

Miss Nettie Annis went to Rodney, Monday to spend the fourth with relatives and friends.

David Luick and Mrs. Lizzie Peet of Luther, were over Sunday guests of Mrs. John Luick.

M. F. Benedict and wife of Pontiac, have been visiting friends in Belding for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Boyer left Monday for a few days visit with relatives and friends at Butternut.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fish left Monday for Alesia, Saginaw county, for a two week's visit.

The Misses Celia Hough and Mable Spencer went to Flint, Monday, to spend the 4th. in that city.

Mrs. N. Lapham and daughter Marguerite left Monday for a months visit with relatives in Detroit.

M. Y. Gephart the city treasurer says the taxes are due and payable at his office. Pay now and save the per cent.

MISS NORA M. SPRAGUE

Third Grade Teacher Taken by Death Young Lady of Beautiful Character is Gone

The death of Miss Nora M. Sprague occurred at the home of her mother Sunday after a brief illness. A beautiful character and excellent teacher is gone from our midst. The funeral after brief services at the home was held at Woodward Lake conducted by Rev. J. W. Sheehan of Hastings and Rev. G. W. Maxwell of the city.

Miss Nora M. Sprague was born April 4, 1876 in Orleans township at the old home where her father was born and died. At an early age she showed a great desire for an education. In the fall of 1890 began driving four miles each day to Ionia, and continued this four years, at which time she began teaching and followed the occupation until June 16, 1911. Seven years of this work has been in the third grade of the Belding city school.

Her health began to fail soon after beginning the past years school work, but though many friends urged her to drop these tasks, she courageously continued until the school year closed.

She conscientiously prepared herself for efficient work in her chosen line. Attending summer school every year and if she had been spared through the present summer would have finished the work of the State Normal school of Kalamazoo, and receive a life certificate.

At fifteen years of age she openly confessed her allegiance to her Savior and was baptized by O. J. Golden at Long Lake, during the camp meeting which was being held at the time. At home and abroad her christian influence has been felt since that event. She was Fourth Vice President of the Epworth League two years and her work in that department showed finished executive ability as well as careful and tactful planning although her disease was sapping her vitality.

She was active until Friday Morning, when she lay down and after a two days illness passed into the great beyond, Sunday morning, July 2, at ten o'clock.

"The trouble with John," said John's younger brother to their father the other night, "is that he don't fight for his rights. He lets the boys at the school abuse him and all he does is feel bad. You bet, when they pick on me I get them by the hair and bump their heads against the fence."

"It is too bad."

"He ought to fight for his rights, oughtn't he, papa?"

"Yes, if he doesn't fight for his rights he won't have any rights."

"Worsten't that, pap. If he don't fight for his rights he won't have any rights."

Pithy Sayings of Famous Men.

Socrates—Xantippe, for goodness' sake, hush!

Napoleon—Hello, Central! Give me Grouchy!

Brutus—Great Caesar's ghost! William the Conqueror—We have come to stay.

Baron Munchausen—Yours truly.

Kepler—My stars!

Haman—I'll be hanged if I do!

Daniel—Keep your mouths shut!

John Alden—O, Priscilla, this is so sudden!

A Regular Occupation.

"No man can live in absolute idleness," said the ready-made philosopher.

"That's right. He'll be reasonably busy some of the time if he does no more than tear the leaves off all the calendars presented to him every year."

Political Plums.

"Wasn't it Newton who discovered the law of gravitation when he saw an apple fall from a tree?" queried the student.

"No," replied the wise guy. "The law of gravitation was discovered by a politician who happened to be under a plum tree."

SAVED FLOCK IN BLIZZARD

Aged Wyoming Shepherd Followed Sheep for Five Days Without Food or Fire.

Five days in a snowstorm, without food, fire, rest or sleep, William McCormick, a sixty-year-old sheep herder, arrived at the Murdock camp, Wyoming, in a deplorable condition, but still guarding the three thousand sheep with which he had left the camp. His collar dog underwent similar hardships, but assisted him in bringing the flock back to the corral. McCormick is employed by George Murdock, a prominent sheepman.

Murdock's sheep range over the great "Red Desert," which, instead of being a desert, is one of the finest sheep ranges in the world. While out in this great plain McCormick and his big herd of three thousand sheep were overtaken by a howling blizzard of wind, snow and sleet. As is usual during such storms, the sheep immediately turned their tails to the wind and drifted with the storm, despite the efforts of McCormick and his dog to prevent the animals from going too far from their range. For three days the band drifted, the herder and dog trying all the time to stop the animals, which moved slowly in a great body before the wind.

McCormick had no food with him, and there was no way to cook it even had he been supplied. On the open prairie he was unable to procure any inflammable substance. He dared not lie down to rest or sleep for fear of losing his sheep as well as from fear of being frozen to death.

On the evening of the third day the storm abated and the sheep came to a standstill, many miles from water or range. McCormick knew his life depended absolutely upon his ability to reach camp, and although now three days without food, water, fire or rest, he started on the return trip, driving his sheep before him. At the end of another two days the aged sheep herder arrived at the camp and was taken in charge by his companions. During the five days he had sucked snow for water and had gone entirely without food, rest, sleep or fire. His face, hands and feet were frozen. Surgeons report that he will live.

About one thousand of the sheep were missing, but these were rounded up by other employees and brought to camp. McCormick's feat is looked upon as one of the most extraordinary instances of endurance ever known in Wyoming.

Postal Banks in France.

The record of the postal savings bank system in France has been one of continued progress. In 1882, when this institution was established, the total number of postal banks in operation was 6,024 with 211,580 deposit accounts remaining open at the close of the year. These accounts, including interest due depositors, amounted to \$9,187,116, the average sum of the deposits being \$45.41. On December 31, 1909, the latest year for which complete statistics are available, the number of banks had increased by nearly 2,000, the deposit accounts numbered 5,543,883, and the deposits, including interest, represented an aggregate amount of \$816,456,866, averaging \$57.08.

The expenses of administration during 1900 amounted to \$1,804,678, and the net profits to \$526,786. It may be recalled that individual accounts are limited by law to 1,500 francs (\$239.50). When an account exceeds this the surplus is invested by the bank in national bonds. The total value of the bonds purchased in 1909 was \$2,080,575. The withdrawals, including these purchases, amounted to \$104,916,150.

As the Wild Geese Fly.

There can be no more impressive sight than a straining line of wild geese moving in the clear air with steady strokes; their rigid necks pointing to their northern summer home, their outlines slowly diminishing until, as a row of floating dots, they vanish in the uncertain distance.

As they scan the continent in their northward sweep the feeble efforts that dot it here and there with cities must seem to them helpless presumption. They call in the joy of their flight and the poor prisoners of civilization fancy that the resonant tones from the vast, airy dome are a special message to their own little worlds. More impressive than this voice of the open day or the sight of the vigorous and steady forms coursing the air is the sonorous mingling cries in the starry dome when the lofty way of travelers is concealed by the enshrouding night.

Our Wonderful Language.

Speaking before the American Physical Education association in Boston Prof. John M. Tyler of Amherst college warned his hearers emphatically against allowing girls from ten to fifteen years of age to over-exercise, hampering his ideas home with this scintillating nugget of philosophy:

"Too much of nothing is good."

"That may be true in Boston, perhaps the less of its greatest notoriety seeking product the better; but we hope the professor won't seek to apply his self-reversible theory to Johnny Meehan's Park row doughnuts, nor yet to our debtors' bank balances."

Which reminds us of the old word play:

"It rains or it does not rain. Therefore, if it does not rain, it rains."

The Sun once called this a "logical fallacy of reciprocation of mutually exclusive terms." That's just what Professor Tyler's nugget is, a fallacy. If you don't believe it, get too much of nothing and see if it will be good.

Leaving Time P. M. Railroad

To Grand Rapids—10:12 a. m.; 3:07 and 9:08 p. m.

To Saginaw—8:23 a. m.; 2:48 and 6:52 p. m.

To Ionia and Detroit—10:40 a. m.; 4:59 p. m.

To Howard City—7:17 a. m.; 5:36 p. m.

There, Too.

"Sorry, old man; I hear your wife has gone back to her father."

"Yes, it's true."

"And where are you living?"

"Oh—with my wife."

If Only a Day Later!

Sympathizer (to suddenly bereaved family)—What a terrible misfortune! And to happen now, when you have only just booked a seat for the theater tonight—La Gemina.

Chance for a Test.

"They claim that money talks."

"Well, this silver dollar is just the shape of a disk record. Try it on your phonograph and see if it will say anything."

Familiar.

"I presume you were much impressed by the Orient, Mr. Hotfoot?"

"Well, not as much as I expected. I had already seen most of it in musical comedies."

Bad Penmanship.

Seymour—As a bad penman Saltburg is certainly the limit.

Ashley—I fully agree with you; the fact is, when I get a note from that fellow I find it easier to read between the lines than the lines themselves.

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Cash paid for cut hair and combings Mrs. Wright's hair-dressing parlor.

Some rare values in Diamonds at Hull's.

Picnic supplies, Covered lunch baskets, Plates, Lunch sets and Paper napkins at Patterson's.

A full stock in Edison Records in two and four minutes at Hull's.

Ladies in need of hair goods will find what they want at Mrs. Wright's, over the People's Bank. Phone 336.

Middy Waists 95¢ at Bricker's Bazaar.

Hammocks and Croquet sets at Patterson's.

The very latest in thin wash goods just received—10¢ 12¢ to 25¢ the yard.

Now is the time to buy an Edison Phonograph, just the thing for vacation time. See A. B. Hull's stock.

My stock of Sterling silver is at its best—Hull the Jeweler.

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Commencing July 6th; we will place one coupon in each 24 pound sack and two in each 49 pound sack—eight coupons to each barrel.

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