

## Local Brevities.

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

Mrs. E. Ohlinger returned Monday from a two weeks visit with her parents at Paris.

Mrs. Thomas Bracken went to Grand Rapids, Monday, for a few days visit with friends in that city.

C. G. O'Bryon left Monday on a business trip to Chicago. Mrs. O'Bryon accompanied him as far as Grand Rapids.

Mrs. C. F. Fields returned to her home at Hastings, Monday, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hall.

Eugene Edmonds, Fred Smith and A. H. Cladwell went to Ionia Monday, to assist in dispensing justice at the county circuit court as jurors.

Rev. Edrie Collins, pastor of the Congregational church, went to Lansing, Monday, to attend a Congregational Ministerial Convention in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith of Albion, New York, arrived here Monday for a holiday visit with their daughters, Mesdames W. L. Benedict and George Wagner.

George Deitz of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been visiting her brother A. Deitz several weeks, left Wednesday for Denver, Colorado, and other western points. Miss Matie Deitz accompanied him as far as Chicago.

The Church of Christ will serve a fine twenty cent supper this week, Saturday December 18, from 5 to 7:30 o'clock with Roast Pork and Brown Gravy, mashed potatoes, white and brown bread, cakes and pies.

Albert A. Luseombe, who went West about two years ago for his health and tried the Colorado Woodman out door Sanitarium, has returned home and is now confined to the house the climate there not seeming to have relieved in a permanent way.

Mrs. Melissa Sparks of Keene, who has been a guest for some time past of her brother William Covert of this city, left Monday for a visit with a daughter at Stanton. Mrs. Sparks is eighty-nine years old and made the trip from here to Stanton alone.

Mrs. Robert Brecken returned to her home in Ionia Monday, after a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Verne Sprague. Mrs. Sprague is in the hospital and Mrs. Brecken took her children home with her until Mrs. Sprague's recovery.

B. F. Tower left this week for Joplin, Mo., to visit his son Ray Tower, who is employed by a paint manufacturing company, he expects also to visit Dr. Joe T. Berry in Burlington, Iowa, and also his son Gordon E. Tower in Oregon before returning home.

Mrs. Miles Wood was a Greenville visitor, Tuesday.

Miss Allie Arnwine went to Grand Rapids, Tuesday for a short visit in that city.

Frank R. Bullis left Monday, on a business trip to Howard City, Rockford and Cadillac.

Mrs. G. F. Edwards of Lansing was a guest of her sister, Mrs. George Cook, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Todd returned to their home at Millbrook, Monday, after a short visit at J. L. Every's.

M. F. Benedict of Pontiac was in the city the first of the week transacting business and calling on old time friends.

Mrs. Thomas Evans of Nashua, New Hampshire, arrived here Tuesday, for a few weeks visit with Belding friends.

Miss Lena Paris of Lakeview was an over Sunday guest at the home of her sisters, the Misses Letha and Helen Paris.

Rev. H. W. Powell of Ionia will preach in the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, with a cordial welcome for all.

Miss Wischnewski returned to her home at Lansing, Monday, after a short visit with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ross.

Mrs. Henry Jones returned to her home in Crystal, Tuesday, after a months visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Haney.

Miss Mary Hagadorn returned to her home at Sheridan, Tuesday, after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagadorn.

Special meeting of Belding Lodge F. & A. M. No. 355 for work in M. M. degree will be held Saturday night. Brothers take notice.

In the notice of the marriage of H. S. Godfrey, last week, the types should have made us say he was the son of Jefferson H. Godfrey.

Miss Mary Schafer of St. Johns has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin for a few days. She returned home Tuesday.

The ladies of the Spiritulist Society will hold their next Aid with Mrs. A. C. Shaw, December 21, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Laura Antcliff, who has been a guest for some time past of friends and relatives in this city and vicinity, left Monday for her home in Cadillac.

Charles Johnson is nursing a sore arm as a result of a fall from a step ladder at factory B, he is also mourning the loss of his horse which died Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Boughey and son Leonard returned to their home at Traverse City, Tuesday after an extended visit at the home of J. W. Minier and others in this city and vicinity.

The ladies of St. Mary's guild feel highly elated over the success of their recent Christmas sale and supper. A handsome sum was realized from both and they all feel very grateful for the patronage extended.

Word reaches us rather late of the birth of a fine boy, November 26, to Mrs. Grace Smith of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Smith, who is a daughter of Mrs. J. B. Griswold, was formerly Miss Grace Witham of this city and well known here.

Quite a number of Belding Odd-fellows went to Ionia Monday night to attend the fortieth anniversary of the lodge in that city. An all night session was held and our fellows came home rather tired but chuck full of enthusiasm over the royal time they had in the Ionia lodge.

The Spiritulist meetings in Belding last Sunday were very well attended although it was a rainy day. Mrs. Flower gave two very interesting lectures and answered many questions. The singing by Miss Sarah Clemons was very fine with Miss Flossie Spicer presiding at the piano.

False teeth are a necessity not a luxury, and a husband is legally bound to furnish them for his wife if she needs them. So says the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. Married women in need of teeth should at once move to Wisconsin if their husbands wont furnish them this necessity.

John Spriggs is circulating a petition to send to Congress asking it to pass Socialist Congressman Bergers old age pension bill. John begins to think it is about time he was getting something, if he ever does, before he "shuffles off this mortal coil." The petition is being liberally signed and if it should become a law plenty of takers of Uncle Sam's bounty will be found.

A story is being told of one of the Belding teachers who recently attended the state teachers' association in Detroit. When a party of young ladies approached the clerk's desk in one of the Detroit hotels, and the spokesman of the party asked if they could have rooms, the clerk inquired if they had a reservation. "A what?" queried the teacher. "A reservation?" returned the clerk. "Er' no-o-o," replied the girl, "but my father has a good farm in Eaton county."

Mesdames Charles Madden and J. H. Younger were Greenville visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bricker and their daughter Hazel were Grand Rapids visitors Tuesday.

Rev. G. W. Maxwell went to Clare, Monday, for a short visit with old time friends and relatives.

Mrs. Emma Weaver went to Greenville, Tuesday, for a short visit with her nephew, Orlo Green.

Miss Laura Stanton of Greenville was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Godfrey.

Mrs. John Emmons returned Tuesday, from a two week's visit with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. Yost of St. Louis were over Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Reed.

The Congregational Sunday School is preparing to observe Christmas with appropriate exercises and a Christmas tree.

Mrs. George Cunningham of Edmore was in the city the first of the week to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Ovenhouse.

Mrs. John Ashley, who has been a guest for two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Joslin in Smyrna, left for her home at Coral Monday.

Miss Alice Wyman of Flint has been a guest at the home of Mrs. C. Little for a few days. She left Tuesday for a visit at St. Louis before returning home.

Mrs. Ella Bennett of Grand Rapids who has been a guest of Mrs. Dora Bennett for a few days, left Tuesday for a short visit at Vestaburg.

The Grattan Ladies Aid will give a dinner Saturday December 23, at the home of Mrs. Eddie Brookes, everybody come and have a good time.

Henry A. Smith and wife have returned from their annual winter visit, on the trip they visited relatives in Grand Rapids, Chicago and Kansas City.

Mrs. William Ely of Big Rapids has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Davis for a few days, Mrs. Ely left Tuesday for a few days visit at Grand Rapids before returning home.

Ladies Literary Exchange Club The Ladies Literary Exchange Club met at the home of Miss Carrie Holmes on Thursday, December 7th, at which the following program was carried out: Roll Call, Governors of Michigan. Subject discussed, Michigan under French and British Dominion. A Book Review, "The Blazed Trail," by Mrs. George Wagner. Three new members were elected and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Maude Foster on Thursday, December 14th.

The best and most beautiful Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets and Brushes, at A. B. Hull's.

Ladies in need of hair goods will find what they want at Mrs. Wright's, over the People's Bank. Phone 828.



**MOST Christmas Gifts tarnish with time and linger only in memory.** but there is *one that lasts* and shines out as an aid to character building—one that the days add to rather than tarnish, and that is a **bank account.** If you would make the recipient truly happy open a bank account for him or her. This can be done with a dollar or more.

### THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK



#### Gifts for Men.

BOOKS—50 cts for those lately selling for \$1.50  
Shaving Brushes in boxes, 50c.  
Shaving soap in nickel cases, 25c.  
Shaving powder in nickel cans, 25c.  
Shaving paper, 25c  
Sets containing talcum powder, shaving soap and a cake of toilet soap in a silver plated box, 75c.  
William's Gift box with box of shaving soap, tooth powder and nickel box for tooth brush, 60c. With handsome transparent tooth brush, 75c.  
Smoker's sets, \$1.00.  
Ash Trays, 10c to \$1.00.  
Shaving sets, \$1.00.  
Cigars, regular 2 for 5c at 25c a box. Stogies, 10 for 25c, in a box.  
Best 5c cigars, 50c box of 10.  
Popular 10c cigars at \$1.00 box of 10.  
Best 10c cigars, 25 in box \$1.00.

#### Gifts for Ladies

Manicure sets, 50c to \$1.00.  
Flower Drops Perfume the pure extract of the flowers, \$1.50 a bottle.  
Fancy bottles of perfume at 10c, 25c, 50c \$1.00 and \$2.00.  
A beautiful box containing one ounce sachet powder, two ounce bottle perfume, large box rice powder and a box of rouge, all Oriental Rose perfume, a \$5.00 box at a special price \$3.00.

Jardiniere, 86c for \$1.95 value. Jackknife Fountain Pen, can be carried in hand bag, absolutely will not leak, \$2.50 to \$4.00.



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| Guernsey Ware | Air Rifles              |
| Aluminum Ware | Sporting Goods          |
| Enamel Ware   | Bissell Carpet Sweepers |
| Carving Sets  | Universal Food Choppers |
| Scissors      | Tools                   |
| Pocket Knives | Oneida Community        |
| Safety Razors | Silver Ware             |

We will appreciate a share of your Christmas shopping.

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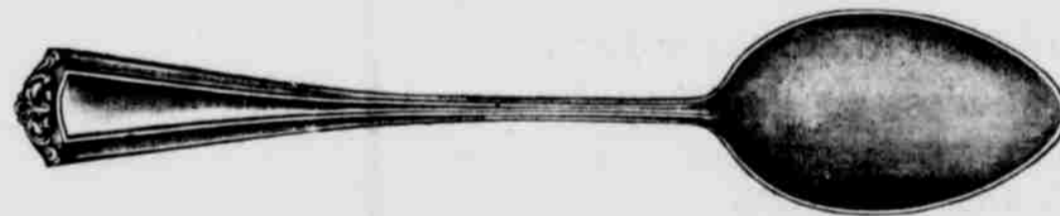
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## E. Chapple & Company

R. N. A. Election  
Laurel Camp R. N. A. held their annual election of officers Wednesday evening, December 6th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.  
Oracle—Maggie A. Green.  
Vice Oracle—Emma Coon.  
Chancellor—Cora Donovan.  
Recorder—Florence West.  
Receiver—Carrie Stall.  
Marshal—Grace Russell.  
Inner Sentinel—Alice Pickup.  
Outer Sentinel—Rachel Green.  
Manager for three years—Carrie Doyle.  
Physician—Dr. Marjory Orr.  
See the new white initial Bags at \$3.00 at Hull's.  
Home made Christmas Candies at O'Bryon's.  
See my China and Cut Glass department, at A. B. Hull's.  
Ice Cream all winter at O'Bryon's. 10 styles and prices of alarm Clocks from 75c to \$3.00, at Hull's.  
Oyster Stews at O'Bryon's.