

## SCHOOLS OPEN WITH HEAVY ENROLLMENT TUESDAY MORNING

### SEATING CAPACITY IN ADE- QUATE IN SOME OF THE ROOM—ENROLLMENTS

School opened Tuesday morning with a heavy enrollment. All teachers were here in time to start the year's work except Miss Van Doren. She resigned a week before the beginning of school to take another place. Upon the doctor's recommendation L. T. Roberts, who was con- tracted to teach science, resigned and his place was taken by Miss Sylvia Eaton. Miss Eaton was the former science teacher, but was not intending to teach this year. Her return to a place on the faculty, however, was very pleasing to the board of education, the students and the other members of the teaching force.

Enrollments in the second ward were heavier than at any previous school opening. In the kindergarten fifty-one children entered Monday. In the second grade, fifty-one children came and the seating capacity of the rooms was wholly inadequate. In the first grade a small margin was shown in the seating of thirty-two pupils, which will probably be sufficient for the needs of this grade the first semester.

At the Ellis school Miss Mount had an enrollment of fifteen in the fourth grade, Miss Radcliffe forty-two in the second, Miss Ray thirty-five in the first and Mrs. Ellery twenty-nine in the kindergarten.

In the departmental school at the Central it was impossible to get the enrollment except from Miss Willett, who has fifty-nine in the sixth grade, Miss Helmick in the third ward building has seventy-five and Miss De Pore twenty-four.

In the high school the first day's entry was one hundred and sixty-seven. Others are coming in this department as well as in all others. A complete enrollment could not be obtained at this time it is impossible to give the whole number of students entering.

## BARTO SCHOOL HELD REUNION AUGUST 31

### WILL BE ANNUAL FEATURE IN THE FUTURE—R. B. DAVIS IS PRESIDENT

On Thursday, August 31 was held the first annual reunion of the teachers, pupils and families of the Barto school. It proved to be one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held in Kent or any other county.

The beginning of the Barto school dates back to 1836 when the first settlers began to move there, and a school was needed. At this time Indians filled the woods and scared the children. A little log house was first built and later another and larger house of lumber was erected and that has now been replaced by a beautiful brick building. The present structure is up-to-date, is furnace heated and has all the appliances of a modern school.

One of the features of last Thursday was an old slab seat from the first log house which has been kept by Hosmer Andrews, one of the "old boys" who still lives in the district. Mrs. Stephen Rennells went to school there over seventy years ago, and she with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, four generations, who have all been pupils there, were all present to enjoy the day.

An impromptu program was given after a most sumptuous dinner at which over 150 were served. Several short talks were given by former pupils and teachers, also a letter was read from one of the old teachers, Mrs. Mary Cotton, of Rockford, who is eighty-six years old. Mrs. Esther Williams of Ionia, one of the first teachers was the one who "called the roll." Mrs. Etta Grey of Florida gave a short talk and told of a teacher who used a round potato and small dinner pail to demonstrate the relation of the sun and earth.

The reunion was made an annual affair. R. B. Davis, who was the promoter of the reunion, was chosen president; Christian Kropf, secretary and John Andrews, treasurer.

Those from Belding were: Mrs. Dan Skellenger, Mrs. Will Bliss, Mrs. John Denton, C. E. Francisco and Mrs. Chas. Krum of Grand Rapids, who are at Wabasis lake for the summer; C. L. Brown, Mrs. S. S. Showers and Mrs. E. M. Farney.

**Grattan Grange**  
Grattan Grange met last Thursday evening with forty-six members present. As this is fair time the majority favored postponing the next meeting for four weeks, when a miscellaneous supper with plenty of pumpkin pie and doughnuts will be served. The lecturer wishes each member to remember some incident or particularly striking thing they saw at the fair and mention it at roll call. The rest of the program is as follows:

Song—By school children from the knapsack.  
Paper—"What is a Boy Worth," by Orley Emmons.  
Reading—"Uncle David and College," Margie Carpenter.  
Music—Mrs. Ray Smith.  
Discussion—"What Do You Think of Consolidated Schools," led by Earl Nash.  
Song—Mildred Bookley.

**Only One Rock Bass**  
After a strenuous half day fishing in Wabasis lake Friday, whipping it with casting lines, still fishing trolling and deep water tests, one lone rock bass was caught by a fishing party composed of Dr. James F. Pinkham, Secretary of the Board of Commerce, K. C. Gonsolus, Druggist Glenn Wortley and Proprietor of Hotel Belding E. W. Dunham. They anticipated greater results.

## BRASS COMPANY MAKES REFRIGERATOR SHELVES

The local branch of the Grand Rapids Brass company began manufacturing a new commodity last week. The new output is wire shelving for refrigerators. For several months the new department has been contemplated and machinery has been arriving for several weeks.

The new product marks the first expansion of the brass company to other lines than brass. The company's specialty has always been refrigerators, and as the shelving is part of refrigerators, the extra department is added to take care of the full requirements.

**Coat and Suit Showing**  
On another page of the Banner this week you will find a splendid announcement of Lincoln's Department store regarding the completeness of the new fall suit and coat showing. Every lady reader is interested in just these things and will want to read the advertisement.

## BEST BAND CONCERT OF YEAR IS GIVEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### DALLAS McDUFFY WHISTLED AS A SPECIAL FEATURE. LARGE CROWD ATTENDS

The band gave a most excellent concert last Wednesday evening. Hundreds of people were out to hear the music and many of them were heard to remark that the music was the best given this year. The program was varied and complete. There was enough of classical music to please the more musically inclined in the audience, and enough of the popular and patriotic airs to win the admiration of others.

As a special feature of Wednesday evening's program Dallas McDuffy whistled several solos. His rare ability as a whistler added much to the otherwise excellent program.

There will be only a few more concerts as the weather is getting cool and the people may not want to come out evenings to hear the music. Another concert will be given tonight and still another one next Wednesday evening. Following is the program of the one to be heard the evening of September 13:

1. "Trumpeter".....March
2. "Avee Moi".....Waltz
3. "Jamias Trop".....Trot
4. "Hero of the Isthmus".....Trot
5. "Pass the Pickles".....One-Step
6. "First Love".....Hesitation
7. "The Midnight Girl".....Selection
8. "Are You From Dixie".....March
9. "Mik It".....March
10. "Star Spangled Banner".....March

## HAIL & STORM COMPANY SUE FOR PREMIUMS DUE

Undoubtedly Justice A. L. Spencer's court will be taxed to its capacity on the seventh and eighth days of this month as suit has been begun against thirty or forty policy holders in the Michigan Mutual Hail and Storm Insurance company and the writ of summons is returnable on those days.

An agent of the company was in the city recently and started the suits to recover from each the premiums due which vary from one dollar to six dollars. The most of the defendants are farmers living in Orange and the south part of the county. Deputy Sheriff Chas. Murray was out two days last week and served the papers on all who had not died or moved away.

**School of Instruction**  
Belding Masons as well as those from Grattan and Trufant have been summoned to Greenville the evening of September 12 to attend a school of instruction. No doubt a goodly number will attend from each lodge and a good time be assured. Greenville lodge is scheduled to work the MM degree.

As work in the lodges has been practically suspended through the hot weather the school of instruction coming at the opening of the fall season will undoubtedly stimulate a large attendance.

## Automobile Was Sold

The old automobile belonging to the Belding Basket company and which has been in cold storage for several years has finally been sold by Mr. Chapple and the proceeds placed in the treasury of the company to be drawn on in the due course of business where necessary.

When the machine was purchased ten or twelve years ago it was then one of the best on the market and the price paid was a good round one, but time and progress has intervened and put it out of date and in the back number class. Orton Webster, the junk man, purchased it for fifteen dollars cash in hand and what parts of it that do not go in the junk will be rejuvenated and put into commission again.

**Hauled Meat from Grand Rapids**  
The Ward & Schlegel and Fish & Young meat markets were a little fearful last week that the contemplated strike might disarrange their supply of meats and took precautions accordingly.

Meat being a perishable commodity the railroads would not accept shipments from Grand Rapids. Friday which was ordered by them. Taking in the situation at once Silas Ward and Mr. Fish drove down with a Ford car and hauled the meat to their markets.

## Notice

The Olympia Order of Gleaners meet with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barnes Thursday evening, September 9. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

# Many People Take Advantage of Present Rate---Pay Ahead

Since making our announcement in last week's issue regarding the advance in subscription rates for the Banner beginning October 1, many of our subscribers have called and paid their past accounts and advanced their dates to future times. Those who are already paid to some date in the future will continue to receive the Banner without paying an extra amount. But if your present paid date is only three or four months in the future it will pay you to call at the office and pay another dollar in advance the date still another year.

The price of subscription has not been advanced yet and every subscriber can pay his past due account at the one dollar price. After October 1 the annual rate will be advanced to the new price, \$1.50. But if you pay the account before October 1, it will be settled at the present price. Then you can pay in advance at the present price also. By so doing the price of the Banner will not be advanced to you until a much later time. By paying in advance for from one to three years you save one-third on the deal. This is pretty good interest on the investment.

Remember the Banner will continue to print all the news of the district, just as it has done in the past. It will be made better and more ably represent the community. This service can be obtained now at the present price and you can also secure it as far in advance as you like at the same price.

## GRATTAN MASONS TO ERECT NEW BUILDING

The Grattan Masonic fraternity which suffered the loss of its building and lodge equipment in the fire a couple of months ago, has decided to rebuild and hold regular communications again. The site which was owned by E. L. Brooks, has been donated by him to the Masonic order and work has already been commenced in the erection of a fine building somewhat larger than the old one. It will be built, both the upper and lower floors, expressly for lodge purposes and when completed will be a very commodious and convenient one for their use. The lower floor will be used for reception and banquet purposes and an inside stairway will lead to the lodge room above. The building is estimated to cost between \$2,000 or \$2,500. An insurance of about eight hundred dollars was received from the insurance companies and with this amount as a starter the brethren will endeavor to raise the balance by subscription which fund has already been liberally supported. The committee which has the raising of the money in hand hopes for a generous response to their appeal from the membership.

Grattan lodge is one of the oldest and best known in this part of Michigan. It has had many notable gatherings in the old building and its reputation for extending a welcome hand to all visitors in a most cordial way is known throughout the state. It is hoped the membership will be successful in their efforts to re-build and get into the Masonic work again with greater enthusiasm than ever.

## FACTORY EMPLOYEES OBSERVE LABOR DAY

Labor day was made a most joyous event by the employees of the local industries. A ball game, which fell little short of being equal to the ones staged by the city team the past season, was one of the features of the afternoon. The team from the Grand Rapids Brass company was pitted against the team from the Belding-Hall company. It was only by hard and steady fighting that the former team was able to grab off the honors 5 to 4.

Other features of interest were the tug-of-war, the three-legged race, jumping, etc. A large crowd was out to witness the events and participate in the sports. Much of the credit for putting on the successful day's sports is due Edwy Webster. He assumed charge of the whole affair early the week previous and pushed every branch of the celebration to a successful culmination.

## Notice Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Belding Building and Loan association will be held at the office of the secretary on Monday evening, September 18, 1916 at eight o'clock for the purpose of electing three directors and for the transaction of such other business that may be brought before said meeting. George E. Wagner, Secretary.

## Farewell Party

Mrs. Martha Conklin entertained eight ladies on Thursday afternoon at her home on Birch street. Ferns and flowers filled the house and a fine supper was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Conklin left Saturday to spend the winter with her daughter in Detroit. The ladies left a number of nice gifts to remind Mrs. Conklin of the occasion.

## Has Resigned Position

Arthur Fitzjohn has resigned his position with Charles S. Foster and intends later to go into the undertaking business for himself. He has sold his house and lot to Francis Slingerland, who will take possession as soon as it is vacated.

Mr. Fitzjohn, who has been with Mr. Foster nearly a year, has been an excellent citizen of this city for a good many years and he and his family have many friends here. He is considering several offers from outside parties but as yet is undecided as to where he will go.

Mrs. J. Frank Wood returned Monday from Conneaut, Ohio, where she has been spending the last two months with her uncle, W. B. Wilson, and family.

## Things That Look Very Queer To Me

In last week's issue of the Banner it spoke of two of the Belding fishermen going to Tallman lake and made mention of the catch of fish, which was only three, and showed a picture of the same. It also stated the fish were lost from the running board of the machine on the return trip.

Now Cook and Conant would like to know how they could get an exact picture of those fish unless they saw them.

The writer does not wish to cast any reflections on the character of the "Judge" or Mr. Langston but there are several persons who are ready to testify that they smelled fish frying in passing Judge Lapham's house the next day.

## NIGHTWATCH PLATT CONFISCATES SOME BOOZE, ARREST MADE

Nightwatchman Jason Platt has several cases of beer and a bottle of whiskey under lock and key which he confiscated Thursday night and will be the custodian of it until the case is settled. Mr. Platt says he has had many complaints lately that liquors were being brought into the city and dealt out contrary to the local option law from Lowell and Grand Rapids and he made up his mind to keep tab on the business, round it up and if possible put a stop to it.

Last Thursday night long after the midnight hour, an automobile drove up to the entrance of Orville Backus' barber shop on Main street and unloaded the goods. Platt's eagle eye was open and an hour later he had a wheelbarrow load in transit to the city hall. The next day he made a trip to Ionia and Prosecuting Attorney H. C. Hall had Justice A. L. Spencer issue a warrant under the local option and liquor seizure act. Tuesday morning Mr. Backus appeared before the court in company with Deputy Sheriff Murray waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court for trial. It is claimed that Mr. Backus got it for his own use and intended to take it to his home.

## HOW HATH THE MIGHTY FALLEN

John Cusser, champion quoit pitcher of the world, went down in defeat before Frank Hamman at a place called Orleans between Detroit and Saginaw. At the present writing John is under the doctor's care but still thinks he can again win the belt.

The next contest will take place at Belding, Michigan, which is located between Grand Rapids and Saginaw on the Pere Marquette railroad. The date will be announced as soon as John recuperates.

If Cusser loses this time he must forever after hold his peace.

—Submitted.

## Ball Game is Scheduled

Secretary Gonsolus of the board of commerce is responsible for a ball game this Wednesday afternoon between the north side business men and the south side business men. The game is scheduled to be played on the vacant lots immediately west of the Belcroton beginning at four o'clock. The game is to be played with an indoor ball and bat and will probably eclipse the one staged last Thursday between the Belding business men and the farmers at the big picnic.

## Will Cook in Greenville

Ray McConnell has gone to Greenville to take the position of chef in the Winter Inn. Landlord H. C. Mills was in the city last week to confer with him and his visit resulted in securing his services. The services of Mrs. McConnell have also been secured and she will go there to assist him in a couple of weeks after first visiting her parents in Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are both fine cooks and Mr. Mills is fortunate in securing them.

## PAVING WORK HALTED BIG MIXER BROKEN

Work on the paving of Bridge street has been delayed the past few days by the non-arrival of brick and the breaking of the big concrete mixer. A small mixer was placed in commission Tuesday morning and the concrete work on the south end completed. The mixer was started at the railroad tracks on North Bridge street this Wednesday morning and will work north. It is expected that a new mixer will arrive from Grand Rapids Thursday morning to relieve the one now being used.

South Bridge street is now open for traffic as far as Washington street crossing. The brick work is completed as far as Liberty street but the filling is not yet sufficiently dry to permit of the extra block being opened.

## Another Open Air Meeting

At last Sunday's union meeting held east of the Banner office it was agreed to continue the open air meeting one more Sunday. Consequently the union services next Sunday afternoon will be held at the usual place just east of the Banner office. The time of starting the meeting is five o'clock as usual.

## Lost Their Baby

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson died last Friday and was buried in River Ridge cemetery Sunday. Rev. W. E. Doty officiated at the service which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson. Much sympathy is expressed for the parents in their sad bereavement.

## MONTCALM ORGANIZED FOR DRY CAMPAIGN

At a banquet held in the Phelps house in Greenville last Friday the United Dry Campaign organization of Montcalm county was organized. All the ministers, editors and some business men of the county as well as farmers are in the organization. Mayor Fred E. Ranney gave a welcome address and Rev. St. Clair Parsons was toastmaster. Jason E. Hammond of Grand Rapids and Roy Hatton of Lansing were present and both gave addresses along the line of state-wide prohibition. Ambrose J. Wyrick entertained with a number of selections assisted by Miss Bernice Osburn at the piano.

Rev. St. Clair Parsons was elected president; Rev. G. E. Stone, vice president and Rev. W. B. Jarman, secretary. The organization will take a prominent part in the dry campaign this fall.

## Baptist School Picnic

The members of the Baptist Sunday school are planning a picnic to be held one week from next Saturday, September 16. The exact place for holding the proposed outing has not been decided. Full details will be available at a later date.

## Big Sale Continues

The Hub Clothing and Shoe company sale is still in full swing. The counters and shelves are still filled with good, dependable merchandise priced at big savings. Some of the excellent values offered at this sale are listed in the Hub's big advertisement on page five of this week's issue. Don't fail to read them and take advantage of the big cut in prices.

## G. W. French & Son

On another page will be found the advertisement of G. W. French & Son, jewelers, opticians and music dealers, who have leased a portion of the R. H. Waldo store and will open there Friday of this week.

Twenty years ago Mr. French was in business here in the jewelry and optical line, removing from here to Ionia.

Besides his optical parlor he will have a line of pianos, player pianos and talking machines.

## Dolph-Henry

Miss Zina Henry, who has been one of the force of clerks at Lincoln's for several months, was married to Palmer Dolph at Muskegon Monday, September 4.

Mr. Dolph is an inspector in the Continental Motor works in Muskegon and the young people will reside in that city.

## SERVED BIG FISH AT WABASIS CLUB

The fishing at Wabasis lake has been excellent for the last week especially for the resorters at the Wabasis club grounds and fine catches of bass, pickerel, blue gills and bull heads have been reported.

There were nearly a hundred dinners at the club house last Sunday and besides roast pork and gravy they had fish on the menu.

Walter Lambertson furnished a pickerel that weighed about fifteen pounds, which he caught while trolling. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Main, the chefs, served the dinner in first-class style.

## In Honor of Mrs. Strunk

Fourteen members of New Idea club held a meeting in honor of Mrs. Birney Strunk at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leonard Monday evening. An appetizing luncheon was served and after a social visit she was presented with a fine gold ring bearing the Eastern Star emblem.

## FARMERS' PICNIC BIG EVENT--FOUR HUNDRED ATTENDED

### BALL GAME BETWEEN BUSI- NESS MEN AND FARMERS CAUSED EXCITEMENT

Conservative estimates place the number of people attending the big picnic tendered to the Belding board of commerce members and their families at the home of Mrs. O. A. Nummer, Thursday, by the members of the Belding Grange and the East and West Otisco Farmers' clubs, at four hundred. A grand self-served dinner was spread on the lawn near the house and none left the tables hungry.

In the open field to the west of the Nummer home over fifty automobiles were parked during the day. Not all of them had been driven there by Belding people, but many of the farmers came in their cars to assist in making the day an enjoyable one.

The picnicers began to gather at the farm home about ten o'clock and it was well past twelve-thirty before all of them arrived. The early arrivals exchanged greetings and then the men began the sport activities of the day. A preliminary ball game was played in order to get the city and farmer teams lined up for the real tussle of the afternoon.

At one-thirty the ball game was called. Men, women and children tramped out into the stubble field and began to settle for the sport. The ladies were provided with chairs and cushions. In the city team lineup Brinton F. Hall as right field headed the batting line. G. E. Wortley was stationed in left; Earl Wilson in center; K. C. Gonsolus on first; Geo. Crawford on second; W. S. Lambertson at third; W. L. Cusser at short; Walter Ireland on the mound and Henry Gildemeister presided behind the bat. In the farmers' lineup C. Chickerling headed the list in the batting line and played behind the bat. Louie Emmons was on the mound; D. Sowers at first base; John Reeves at short; Fred Nummer on second base; Don Cooper on third; R. Tuttle in center field; Herb Ross in left field and L. Jenks in right field.

Belding took the outs and before the end of the inning had allowed the farmers to squeeze in two runs. Undaunted by the lead Belding came up big and strong by advancing Brinton F. Hall to the plate with the little stick. He clouted the apple far over right field and was resting on second station when it got back to the box. Hall stole third when Wortley whited out at the plate and sprinted home where Wilson was out on a long drive to deep center. Wortley went to third when Gonsolus sprinted (Continued on Page Four)

## Jason Platt Resigns

It is now up to the city fathers to appoint another nightwatchman as Jason Platt, who has held down the place for the past year notified the city clerk Tuesday that he had quit and was through with the work. It is understood that Mr. Platt wanted a longer vacation than the city officials desired to give and that this was the cause of the friction. W. H. Kennedy is on the rounds and will hold the job until further developments.

## Lincoln Club Held Picnic

The Lincoln club held their annual picnic in the city park last Saturday with a good attendance. Dinner was served in the pavilion and the members present made it an enjoyable occasion.

The club was organized at Cook's Corners more than twenty years ago, and was composed of a dozen or more old settlers who voted for Lincoln for president.

## Don't Stop the Banner

In making remittance for his past due subscription account P. L. Blystone makes the following statement. "Here is the price for the Banner until January 1, 1918. Don't stop the paper." Mr. Blystone lives at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. He appreciates the Banner and the work it is doing. He also sees the advantage given him to extend his subscription at the present price and he grasped the opportunity to save himself some money. Every other subscriber can do likewise.

## Holy Trinity Mission

The Holy Trinity Mission, Rev. Robt. S. Nash, priest, in charge. Morning service and sermon 10:30 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon 7:00 p. m.

Mrs. Wm. Coulter, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Northport and Big Rapids, returned home on Saturday.

## BOULEVARD LIGHTS GRACE BELDING BUSINESS STREETS

### CURRENT WAS TURNED ON FRI- DAY NIGHT--MANY IMPROVE- MENTS TO CITY.

Friday night residents of Belding witnessed the first turning on of the boulevard lights. Not a person, who noticed the improvement, failed to make a favorable comment on the metropolitan appearance the lights gave the city. From one end of the paved section of Main street to the other the single illuminated globes shed their radiance across the street. Their light made of Main street a real white way.

In placing the new poles Belding has taken another step in advance of the surrounding cities. The single light poles are the most up-to-date lighting features purchasable. The new improvement is another evidence that when this city does a thing it is done right.

Belding has made wonderful advances in its appearance in the past three years. Only that long ago a complete network of poles obstructed the view down Main street and the other business streets. In stead of the smooth, permanent pavement an innumerable conglomeration of chuck holes, stones, sandy spots and uneven cross walks grieved the eyes of all comers to the city. Instead of the boulevard lighting system single arc lights at the street intersections, shared their uneven light with the window lamps of the stores in a feeble attempt to cheer the night traveler along the paths of the unwholesome streets. Contrasted with the former earth and gravel paths of Bridge street will soon be seen a long level stretch of brick pavement extending from one end of the city to the other. Let everyone see the popularity and inviting generally to the business center of the city to partake of our hospitality. Every resident of the city should feel a pride in the fact that he is permitted to live in so prosperous and hustling community. He should let no opportunity pass to acquaint the visitors with the particular advantages of Belding, and thus advertise the town in every way possible. Let everyone boost for Belding and Belding will be boosted and in turn will boost its citizens.

## WERE MARRIED AT CONGO, PARSONAGE

The marriage of Mr. Nelson Young and Miss Lydia Moon took place at the Congregational parsonage Wednesday evening, August 30, Rev. Allan J. Blair performing the ceremony that united the hearts and fortunes of the couple. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. "Dow" Moon.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngs will reside at Alma, where he is employed as a machinist. Their many friends are showering them with congratulations.

## W. C. T. U. Meeting

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Mary E. H. Coville Friday, September 1, under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Friedly. Roll call, answers to question, "Do I Want to Vote?"; topic, "Woman Suffrage"; papers on "Opinions of Prominent Men and Women on the Suffrage of the New Voters" were given by Mesdames Hamman, Pond, Wilder, Friedly and Coville.

Two new members were taken in and an interesting talk on "Results of Woman Suffrage" was given by Mrs. Finney of California.

## Hiking It From Detroit.

L. D. Atherton of Detroit, a young man who is out for a hike through the country for health and exercise, was in the city Tuesday. He wears the uniform of a scout and carries his camp equipage in a roll on his back. He says he stops wherever night overtakes him and enjoying the unique experience very much. He has been working in the Ford automobile factory, where his health became impaired. He went from here to Greenville and will walk back to Detroit, making about fifteen miles a day.

## Real Estate Transfers

Martha Skellenger to Minnie Hubbard, certain land, sec. 22, Otisco.

Wm. I. Benedict to Jennie Holland, certain part lots 7 and 8, North Park add., Belding.

M. Milton Benedict to Beatrice A. Fritch, lot 180, Belding and Improvement Co.'s add., Belding, \$750.

## Ionia Court Proceedings

An order discharging mortgage has been made in the circuit court on the application of Frank J. Badgley.

In the circuit court Saturday testimony was taken in the cases of Rosa Hoyt against Donald Hoyt, and James H. Lucas against Charles Lucas.

In the absence of Prosecutor Hall, who is away on his vacation Judge Davis appointed J. Clyde Watt to act for the county in the Conrath case now pending.

At a session of the circuit court Saturday Judge Davis rendered a judgment for \$539.08 in the case of Benj. F. Covert as administrator of the estate of Matilda Paustie against E. E. Slye.

The prosecution of Louis Conrath on charge of stealing automobile parts from Frank Heth was opened this afternoon before Justice Murphy. Clyde Watt of Saranac is conducting the prosecution in the absence of H. C. Hall. Glenn Mathews is defending the respondent.

## Notice

The regular meeting of the Belding Grange will be held Saturday afternoon, September 9. Will the ladies please bring recipes in which corn or corn meal is an ingredient and will the gentlemen kindly talk on "Corn and its Growth."