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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

### BOWEN'S MILLS.

Mrs. Jennie Mars and daughter of Chicago are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

Miss Rena Minar has returned home after visiting in Middleville, Irving and Otsego for the past four weeks.

A fine program has been gotten up for the Christmas tree which will be as pleasing as tree itself. Let everybody come and see and hear.

Farmers have all pitched in and improved the fine weather by getting the corn crop secured and everything ready for winter.

Many Masons in this locality were in attendance at the annual election of Middleville Masonic lodge.

Bowen's Mills customers come with buckwheat from all the surrounding towns. One man said he came 25 miles east and north of Hickory Corners.

### CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Kinsey were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Misses Minnie Ross and Sophia Rheinburger of Grand Rapids gave a select party at Kennedy's hall, Tuesday evening. Punch and wafers were the refreshments.

Chas. Carpenter of East Caledonia was kicked in the abdomen by a horse, Saturday evening, from the effects of which he died Tuesday afternoon.

Quite a number of young people from Grand Rapids attended the party at Kennedy's hall Tuesday evening.

The M. C. R. R. Co.'s "hotel" is doing a rushing business with the "tramp" Commercial Travelers' Association.

Otto Zelner was in the city over Sunday.

A good many Masons from this place attended the funeral of R. C. Hathaway at Grand Rapids, Sunday.

Wm. Hammond and Ern. Fulmer drove to the city, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. L. Cobb and daughter of Middleville were in town, Sunday.

Mr. Ira Ellenwood died very suddenly of heart disease at his home in East Caledonia, Wednesday morning.

Miss McCollough of Bowne visited Miss Anna Burns, Tuesday.

An informal meeting of the citizens of the township was held at Kennedy's hall, Monday evening, to consider the question of good roads. Short addresses were made by W. S. Hale, E. Campau, Hon. J. W. Shisler and others. It was decided to organize a Good Roads club and resolutions were adopted as to the best means of securing good roads. Another meeting will be held in the near future.

Mrs. Owen Kinsey gave a party last Friday afternoon in honor of little D. O. Doyle's fourth birthday. Refreshments were served and an elegant time was enjoyed by all.

### DUNCAN LAKE.

After two weeks of silence Rusticus is again at the front.

Mr. Gamwell was very sick last week but is better at the present writing.

Myron Kilmer's little daughter, Lena, who was very sick last week, is some better. Also, Grandma Kilmer is dangerously ill and may not recover. Old age is the main cause, she being in her 87th year.

John Dorr from Cascade is assisting Allan Bechtel with his work. Dorr

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Howard Russell from near your town was baling hay in this vicinity last week but, breaking his baler, was compelled to suspend operations for the present.

Mr. Hickey from Alaska was visiting at Duncan Lake last week.

Chicken buyers are plenty in this vicinity.

There was a large attendance at the Mennonite church, Sunday, and there were 28 young people in the bible class in the Sunday school.

Our teacher displayed the school flag at half mast yesterday, it being the anniversary of the death of the "father of his country."

Yesterday was mill day at Pike and Gamwell's mill. They were rushed all day.

Dill Benjamin's brother-in-law, Fred Merrill, who lives near Battle Creek, sent Dill a saddle of venison last week. Now Dill and family can eat game while we have to eat pork.

Fred Adler and wife visited Mrs. A.'s father in Leighton, Sunday.

Mrs. D. Bechtel and son, Allan, with Leo Castle spent Sunday with Mr. Freshney's people near Parmelee.

Mrs. Henry Potts and children, Julian and Minnie, of East Thornapple visited at E. P. Carpenter's, Saturday.

### HARRIS CREEK.

The warm days last week awoke the frogs from their winter nap and their musical voices were heard once more.

John McNaughton of Lowell was on our street Monday p. m.

Mesdames Jordan and Ackerson of Middleville passed through the burg, Thursday.

The meetings at Bowne Center are well attended, twenty converted during the two weeks.

Roy McNaughton of Irving spent Saturday and Sunday with Ray Thomas.

Some of the young people surprised Mrs. Chas. Silcox, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Eliza Lowe is entertaining a friend from Detroit.

Miss Addie Sinclair is working for her aunt, Mrs. Wm. VanOrder, at this writing.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage at Bowne Center, Miss Lenna VanAtten of Middleville and Clayton Johnson of Bowne. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

The prayer meeting held at Mrs. D. A. Sinclair's last Friday afternoon was not very well attended on account of the bad roads.

Some from this place attended the debate held at Lowe school-house last Saturday evening, Dec. 12.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, Christmas sermon. Subject for evening, "No Escape for the Neglector." Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m., subject, "What Are Some Blessings That Christ Brought to the World?" Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Joys That Were Born Into the World With Christ." Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Christmas entertainment, Thursday p. m., Dec. 24.

### IRVING INKLINGS.

Mrs. Alice Blanchard will lead the Epworth League meeting next Sunday evening. Subject, "Present by the Holy Spirit." John xvi:13-14.

The third lecture in the League course will be Friday evening of this week, Dec. 18. Subject, "Youth, Yesterday and Tomorrow." Rev. F. L. Thompson, speaker. Everyone ought to hear it.

The Dorcas society in connection with the Congregational church will meet Friday this week in the church parlors in the forenoon. Dinner will be served by Mrs. Bull and Mary Johnson about 1:30, and sewing the new rag carpet will be the order of the day. Come early and bring needle and thread that we may get it ready to put down. Every one most cordially invited to come.

Mrs. John Wilcox has been very much more comfortable for a few days for which there is many a thankful heart.

Mrs. John Chambers is also very much better. It is hoped she will soon be about again. Mrs. L. Baldwin visited her last week.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, mother of H. C. Strong, returned to her home in Chicago last week. Mr. Strong accompanied her to Hastings and her son-in-law, Rev. J. E. Hunt, met her at Kalamazoo. Her health has been very poor all through her stay in Irving.

Mrs. D. Doyle is selling her books in Prairieville this week. She has splendid books and is a most excellent agent.

She has great success wherever she goes.

The lecture at the Congregational church last week was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. Mr. Ewing will come again in the future.

Miss Belle McCann goes no more to work in the brass factory. Everyone is glad to have her at home again.

Miss Julia Werth is in our homes plying her needle.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery have had a visit from their son from the north.

Mrs. Lillian Brown is in the office at our depot learning to read the sounds going over the wires. That she may succeed is the wish of her many friends.

### LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ham and little daughter visited friends in Grand Rapids, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrington entertained the former's brothers and the latter's father, Mr. Wilson, from Gun Plains, last week.

Wm. Finkbeiner of Caledonia visited his uncles, Messrs. Steeby, last week.

Little Henry Guenter, aged about 8 years, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Guenter, died at their home, of neuralgia of the heart, Saturday, Dec. 12. He attended school Monday and Tuesday and had a slight cold. Thursday they called the doctor and he died Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Voelker at the Evangelical church, Monday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

A pleasant surprise was sprung upon Miss Matilda Steeby, Friday evening. Games were played, refreshments served, and the guests returned to their homes having spent a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Chas. Harrington is entertaining her sister, Miss Wilson, of Gun Plains for a few days.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nogles of Green Lake died Saturday and was buried Monday.

Eli Rannels was in Petoskey the fore part of last week to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. John Williams, who died of consumption. Mr. Williams lived here two years ago, but went west for his health, returning to his home in Petoskey last spring. He was a loving father and kind neighbor. He leaves a wife, two daughters, a son and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weber, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Monday the funeral of her daughter, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff, of Parmelee, Saturday, Dec. 12, occurred at the Corning M. E. church of which she was a member. Services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Freeman of Irving assisted by Rev. Mr. Marshall of Wayland. Mrs. Dean lived in this neighborhood for a number of years before going to Parmelee.

### NORTH IRVING.

L. Matthews and lady were calling on friends here last week.

Geo. Hubbard made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week.

Getting ready for Christmas is the order of the day at present. With such fine weather it will be most a wonder if we do not make a mistake and celebrate 4th of July or some other event instead.

Company and visiting is indulged in quite extensively at present. When that bad weather comes we are all looking for, then we will have to stay at home.

Fannie Myers and Minnie Spaulding visited their parents, P. Wood and wife, last week.

League service was taken up Sunday evening and an excellent and profitable sermon was listened to from Rev. Waggles of Grand Rapids by a full house.

L. Avery and wife of Irving attended church at this place Sunday evening.

Mrs. Cobb attended church at Irving Sunday morning.

Mr. Dougherty was a guest of J. Trego's, Sunday.

McKinley times, you know, so we all expect lots of Christmas presents.

Charley Olney has felt better lots of times than he does now.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist." 49-5





What congress ought to do is one thing, but what congress will do is quite another.

Georgia has a silver legislature, but gold contracts still "go" in the state, the bill prohibiting them having been defeated.

President Cleveland evidently didn't try to please anybody but himself in his message to congress, and he came pretty near to accomplishing his purpose.

President Cleveland isn't saying anything about having congress on his hands. He will probably be glad to escape being jumped on by the silver democrats.

Maj. McKinley would hardly receive more attention, were he in Washington, than is being lavished upon Mr. Hanna by republican senators and representatives.

The best Christmas gift the English could give Ambassador Bayard would be to confer British citizenship upon him. That would tickle him almost to death and there would be no objections on this side.

The New York business man who has just become the champion pistol shot of America ought to fill his pockets with cartridges and go over to Cuba, where he might shoot himself into possession of the world's most fertile island.

The Sultan objects to the language of the President's message, but that need not worry anybody, as it is not likely to be any more effective than the objection most Americans have expressed to the continued existence of the Sultan.

John D. Rockefeller, the standard oil magnate, is said to be ambitious of wresting the iron crown from the head of Andy Carnegie, or sharing it with him. As the Standard Oil Co. produces excellent lubricants, Andy would better look out for that crown.

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**EAST CALEDONIA.**

Mr. John Teeple of Freeport spent Sunday with his son, Miray.

Elmer Rowland and wife spent Sunday with his cousin, Almond Rowland, of Lowell.

Ben. Rathbun attended the funeral of his uncle, at Ewart, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeVine of Caledonia Sunday at W. H. LyBarker's.

Mr. Shoeman and wife of Grand Rapids were the guests of D. W. Dutche and wife last week.

H. Strait, wife and daughters, Elsie and Ollie, were in Grand Rapids last Friday.

Oscar Stone went to Sparta last week with a load of goods for Homer Smith.

Mrs. Edgecomb of Grand Rapids, is visiting her niece, Miss Clara Brown.

Mrs. Wm. Hall and Lulu Baker were in Grand Rapids last week, the guests of the latter's mother.

Charley Carpenter, while harnessing his horse Saturday evening, was kicked in the stomach. His recovery is doubtful.

Messrs. O. B. Barbour and L. C. Rathbun were in attendance at the Hathway funeral at Grand Rapids, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Schrader is in Grand Rapids, receiving a medical treatment.

The Epworth League will have a social at the residence of Oscar Stone, Friday evening. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to come.

George Sanborn and family of Jamestown, are visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

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The professional or business man, whose time is money; the teacher, who is called upon to at once answer all sorts of questions; the toiling student and inquiring scholar, at home or the desk, will find in the new work the most useful and practical library in the world for quick and ready reference on all subjects. One who owns it will possess the equivalent of a score of other reference books which would cost many times the price of this.

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But it is in its treatment of recent subjects that the Standard American will be found of paramount value. All other encyclopaedias are from five to ten years old, and are silent regarding hundreds of topics that every reference work should contain. Such, for instance, as "The X-Ray," "Argon," "Horseless Carriages," "The Atlanta Exposition," "Color Photography," etc., etc. It also gives biographies of hundreds of people who have lately become famous, such as Prof. Roentgen, discoverer of the "X-Ray," Ian MacLaren, Dr. Nansen, the explorer, Rudyard Kipling, etc., etc.

On account of its lateness in all these matters, as well as its accuracy, it has become the standard in Schools, Colleges, Courts, Public Libraries, and wherever important questions come up for discussion.

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Unless we miss our guess, Maj. McKinley is too wise a man to start his administration by quarrelling with Speaker Reed.

Nobody need be alarmed over the statement of Gen. Miles that he expects war; it is part of a soldier's business to expect war.

Mr. Hanna is excusable for thinking that the man who pulls the strings holds a more desirable berth than the fellow who has to dance when the strings are pulled.

President Cleveland has gone to South Carolina to see if he won't have better luck hunting than he had in advising Congress; he can't have worse.

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**Probate Order.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county, on Tuesday, the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate: In the matter of the estate of Manley A. Baldwin, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of J. W. Briggs, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account of this day filed may be heard and allowed, and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Hastings in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middleville Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing. CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG. (A TRUE COPY) 49-4 Judge of Probate.

**Probate Order.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county, on Wednesday, the second day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate: In the matter of the estate of Robert C. Talbott, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Horace Hall, administrator of said estate, praying that his final account of this day filed may be heard and allowed, and he discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middleville Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing. CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG. (A TRUE COPY) 49-4 Judge of Probate.

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The great attraction and rush for Christmas Goods is at the store of M. F. Dowling. His brilliant and inviting stock consists of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware, all new and nobby designs. Many goods of the above lines have advanced since these were bought but we will close them at the old prices.

We are making a large display in Crockery and fine China ware. These goods are about 1/2 less than last year and must be seen to be appreciated. Something for you all; the old, the young, the rich and poor.

We have a large and varied stock of Children's Toys, which we will open the 18th, comprising everything to please the little ones at half the usual price.

Come in and see us. We will have a warm fire and a warm welcome for you all. Thanking you all for past favors we are Yours for Business.



**M. F. DOWLING.**

**OLD SANTA CLAUS**

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- Moquet and Smyrna Rugs,
- Carpets, Lace Curtains,
- Mull Curtaining by the yard,
- Chenille Spreads,
- Linen Table Spreads,
- Bed Spreads,
- Bed Blankets and Comfortables,
- Lined Table Damask (in white and colors),
- Linen Napkins,
- Fancy Linen Towels,
- Fancy Handkerchiefs (in silk, linen and cotton),
- Neck Mufflers (in silk, wool and cashmere),
- Ladies' and Gents' Neckwear,
- Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves,
- Ladies' Kid Mittens,
- Ladies' Hosiery and Underwear,
- Gents' Hose and Underwear,
- Ladies' Knit Skirts,
- Ladies' Wool Skirt Patterns,
- Gents' Laundered and Unlaundered Shirts (plain and fancy fronts.)



- Men's,
- Youths'
- Boys' and
- Children's

**...Suits...**

and

**Overcoats**

And an endless variety of other gifts that space prohibits us from mentioning.

**We have a few choice bargains in Ladies' and Misses' Jackets left and can assure you that it will be to your interest to look them over if you are thinking of buying a garment.**

Yours for Useful Xmas Goods,

**JOHN CAMPBELL.**



# A Merry Christmas

TO YOU ALL....

The rich and poor, the great and small, since true happiness comes from making others happy. It stands us in hand to make no mistake in purchasing

## "Christmas Presents."

Rest assured no mistake will be made if you buy at.....

### Schondelmayer's

where you will find a new and complete stock of Candy and Nuts of all kinds, and everything that goes to make a first-class Confectionery Store. Also the best line of

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Is now located next door to Coats & Burr's blacksmith shop. For

#### SLEIGH AND WAGON REPAIRS

And general wood work give me a call.

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### C. L. JOHNSON.

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MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

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Banfield & Moore shipped four car loads of stock to the eastern market last evening.

The K. of P. and Ivy Temple lodges have invitations out for a ball to be New Years eve.

That flying machine spoken of last week, now turns out to be an ice boat and is about ready to launch on Barlow lake.

F. D. Pratt and wife entertain a large number of friends at their pleasant home on Broadway, this evening, with pedro.

The neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandstetter, southwest of the village, a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon.

A jolly surprise party from town, was given Miss Lida Russell at her home a short distance out of the village, last Saturday evening.

We are sure to save you your railway fair to Grand Rapids if you buy \$5 worth of goods. Young & Chaffee, 94 to 100 Ottawa st.

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Kenyon Bros. in the past two weeks have baled 118 tons of hay and straw, the most of which has been shipped from Martin and Montieth to Grand Rapids and the north.

Married, Dec. 9th, Mr. David Paulson of Grand Rapids, and Miss Olive V. Hulett of Sparta. Dave's many Middleville friends will wish him much happiness in his new relation.

Nothing makes a more acceptable Christmas present than the home paper and we are giving liberal discounts on other papers and magazines. Call and get our rates before subscribing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee gave a party last Friday evening, to a large number of their friends. Cards and games furnished amusement, after which very nice refreshments were served. The decorations were pink and white carnations with maiden hair ferns.

A young man called at our office a few days ago and showed us a work which is being introduced in this county, with a request that we examine it. We are in a position every day to judge of books and reading matter, but we consider this book entitled "Social Life," the best book of the kind ever issued from the press. Every family should be bettered by its influence, and every young man and young woman ought to possess a copy. We have ordered a copy for ourselves, and we would be glad to know that every intelligent man who is trying to improve himself or the minds and hearts of those he loves, had done the same.

# HAVE GOT TO DO IT!



WE have got too many Horse Blankets and Robes, so we are going to give you a chance to purchase some suitable Holiday Gifts at prices that means No Profit to us. Commencing Saturday, December 12, until January 1, we will give you a Discount of 25 per cent, spot cash, on any Horse Blanket, Fur or Plush Robe in the house. And we want to state right here that we have got the finest line of these goods and lower prices than can be found elsewhere in Barry County.

Brand New Stock TRUNKS and VALISES.

## Immense Line Harness and Horse Goods.

Just finished 200 pairs more of our Famous Leather Suspenders

Don't spend a Dollar for Christmas Goods for the Men Folks until you see me.

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Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best. Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome set of Jaxon Soap pictures. 28\*

Young & Chaffee of 94 to 100 Ottawa street Grand Rapids, sell Leather Seat Rockers from \$1.50, up.

Senator Tillman is credited with the intention to use his pitchfork on the gold democrats before this session of congress closes.

Fred Weierman is among the Cold Spring Creamery Co.'s patrons who makes his three cows pay him a big profit. During the past year each cow averaged him \$47.33 and this with figuring the skimmed milk at ten cents per hundred lbs. We would be glad to hear from others and have included their methods feeding, care, etc.

The following officers were elected, Tuesday evening, by Blue Lodge No. 231, F. & A. M.:

W. M.—J. W. Armstrong.  
S. W.—Jas. B. Campbell.  
J. W.—Jas. H. McKeivitt.  
Treas.—W. H. Severance.  
Sec.—G. W. Matteson.  
S. D.—Walter Gerizan.  
J. D.—Chas. Brandstetter.  
Stewards—F. Richmond, Alton Pryor.  
Tyler—E. P. Whitmore.

#### COME AND SEE US.

There are others selling furniture because every one don't know of our prices. We must unload our floors for the January exhibit and will allow one a little time to pay for goods if necessary. Young & Chaffee, 94 to 100 Ottawa St.

#### MARRIED.

REED—MOXON—At the Congregational parsonage, Middleville, Wednesday, Dec. 16, '96, by Rev. H. Appleton, Israel D. Reed of Cascade, Kent Co., and Miss Emma Moxon of Thornapple, Barry Co.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to our many friends who so kindly rendered us assistance in the care of our dear mother in her last sickness and death. We are very grateful to you all and shall not forget your cheerful attention in our bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. E. R. SKIFF.

#### WE'VE GOT THEM.

Anything and everything in the line of furniture. You couldn't think the prices right if we published them. We invite you to come and select your holiday gift. We will give you time to pay for it. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94 to 100 Ottawa street.

#### PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Mrs. Dean, whose sickness has been mentioned, died Saturday morning Dec. 12 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff.

Miss Mary Jenkins was home from school part of last week, on account of sickness.

Revival meetings at the M. E. church have been closed until some time in the near future, on account of sickness in the preacher's family.

Remember the Christmas tree at the M. E. church Christmas eve.

Mrs. Willis Wood and Miss Minnie Cline were in Hastings last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Erbe of Grand Rapids, whose remains were taken to Hastings for burial.

Mrs. Frank Hinkley is visiting her parents in Kalamazoo.

Parties are shipping hay and straw from this station this week.

George Burch is making preparations to spend Christmas with relatives in western New York.

Clarence Stimson and wife have moved into the house vacated by Frank Keeler and family.

FOUND—A key attached to chain. Owner call at SUN office. 51-1

FOR RENT—Riggs, house on Grand Rapids street. Inquire of Mrs. R. M. Johnson. 50-2

#### REDUCED RATES FOR HOLIDAYS.

Excursion tickets at reduced rate will be sold Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and Jan. 1, 1897, good for return until Jan. 4, inclusive, by the Michigan Central Railway, to all points on its line. 51-3 J. E. GOOGLE, Local Agt.

### MUNYON

## CURES CATARRH AND DEAFNESS

Is your nose stopped up? Do you have difficulty in breathing? Have you hoarseness or loss of voice? Have you pain in the eyes or forehead? Do you have frequent colds in the head? Have you deafness or difficulty in hearing? Have you dizziness or pressure in the head? Have you discharges from the head or throat? Have you red, inflamed, blurred or watery eyes? Have you hawking or spitting of mucus or slime? Have you a stupid, dull, tired or dragged-out feeling? Have you ulcers in the nose or bleeding from the nose? Have you buzzing, roaring or whistling noises in the ears? Have you pain in the back? Have you cold hands and feet? Have you aches and pains all over? Is your sense of taste and smell impaired? Is there an offensive or foul odor in the breath? Have you soreness, scabs, crusts or plugs of mucus in the nose? Have you dryness, rawness, soreness, or tickling in the throat? Any or all of these means that you have catarrh. If you have any of these symptoms you have catarrh of the nose and throat, and there is danger of the disease extending to all organs of the body, producing deafness, and in the lungs obstinate cough, asthma, bronchitis and consumption, or to the stomach, producing the distress of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and biliousness, followed by nervous prostration and general debility. Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 25c.—eradicates the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 25c.—cleans and heal the parts. A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25c. a vial. Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

#### NOTICE.

Please call and settle your account without further notice as I need money. J. P. FERGUSON.

#### REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.

I will do repairing in the line of furniture, guns, revolvers, etc., at reasonable rates in first-class workmanship. Paper-hanging, painting, etc., promptly attended to. 51-2 SIM LAWRENCE.

A new line of Crepe and Tissue papers has been received at the News Stand.

ESTRAYED—Into my enclosure one red roan yearling steer. L. D. BASS.

FOR SALE CHEAP—An almost new Double Barrel Breech Loading Shot Gun, 12-gauge, with loading tools. WILL LIEBLER.

I will be at Freeport Dec. 17, 24 and Jan. 7, at the Hastings City Bank Dec. 28, at Irving Dec. 28, and at Frank Pratt's, Middleville, Dec. 30 to receive taxes. C. H. WILLIAMS, Treas., Irving, Mich.

I will do first-class work at the following low rates:

Shirts.....8c 10c Under Shirts.....7c  
Collars.....2c Drawers.....7c  
Cuffs.....4c Half Hose.....4c  
Night Shirts.....8c Handkerchiefs.....2c  
49-4 LEE HING, Laundry.

#### FIFTY CORDS GREEN WOOD WANTED.

I will receive sealed bids for fifty cords 18-inch stove wood on and previous to December 31, 1896, at 6 o'clock p. m., all bids to be sealed and left with Aaron Clark, director. I reserve the right to reject any or all bids, the object being to buy wood for the school district from the party furnishing same for the lowest price, one-half of the wood to be maple and the balance second growth oak. Wood to be delivered at school-house. AARON CLARK, Director.

### Subscribe for THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN.

## BUY For Christmas

Fancy Package Perfumes,  
Perfume Atomizer and  
Celluloid Goods,

AT Abbott's Drug Store.

## BUY STATIONERY

At the Middleville News Stand.

## USEFUL XMAS GIFTS!

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While seeking XMAS GIFTS for relatives and friends do not over look the line of useful articles we ave hand the large selection in each line.

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Neckwear,  
Fancy Suspenders,  
Silk Suspenders,  
Mittens,  
Lined Kid Gloves,  
Fancy Slippers.

Initial Handkerchiefs,  
Hem Stitched Hdkfs,  
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Wool and Cotton.

Make our store the base of your Holiday Supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

Yours for business,

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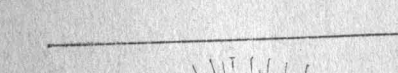
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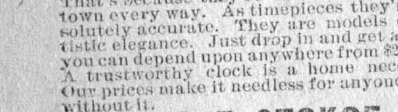
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**ON THE GO**

They are, indeed, our clocks are going all the time; bound homeward, you know. That's because they're the finest clocks in town every way. As timepieces they're absolutely accurate. They are models of artistic elegance. Just drop in and get a clock that you can depend upon anywhere from \$2.75 up. A trustworthy clock is a home necessity. Our prices make it needless for anyone to be without it.

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**THE TOUGH ELEMENT**

Have as hard a time of it as buyers of bad bargains. All such unpleasant experiences are wholly avoided by those who take a hand in our sale of merchandise. Our long values and short prices make this a harvest for buyers. Coming for good things after they are gone is like a political meeting after election, a waste of effort. Bargains have wings. Nail them before they fly. Our stock's a big collection of what you can't find anywhere else.

**B. A. Almy.**

**THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

**OBITUARY.**

Died, December 12, 1896, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Skiff, in Thornapple township, Barry Co., Mich., Mrs. Hannah Dean, aged 76 years, four months and one day, of cancer of the breast.

Mrs. Hannah Dean, whose maiden name was Hannah Barrell, was born in Washington county, state of New York, on the eleventh day of August, 1820. She was married to Harlow J. Dean in 1838 and in the year 1845 came to Michigan, settling in Bangor, Van Buren Co., where they were of the first pioneers, and in the year 1852 they removed to Leighton, Allegan Co., Mich., where they settled on the Dean farm near the Weber school-house, then called Wade's corners, where in April, 1878, Mr. Dean died, the farm being held by Mrs. Dean till her death as provided in her husband's will. Mr. and Mrs. Dean had born to them four daughters, Jennie, who married Mr. D. Colon and died at Benton Harbor in about 1870; Mattie, wife of Harry Shipley, now residing at Caledonia; Mary, who died at Leighton May 5, 1865; and Sarah, wife of E. R. Skiff near Parmelee, with whom Mrs. Dean had lived for about fourteen years. Mrs. Dean was a sister of the late Joseph Barrell, deceased, and the last surviving member of the Barrell family, she being the youngest.

Mrs. Dean was a faithful and consistent member of the M. E. church from her early womanhood and member of the coming M. E. church at time of her death. It is said that no traveler or neighbor was ever permitted to go from their roof without food or lodging when in need. A mother and sister to all her friends and neighbors, she was a devoted wife and kind and lovable mother. Her devotion and affection for her daughters was unbounded, as was their kindness and affection for her in return. With her there was no trouble, a life of love and tenderness toward all, and hers was a most fortunate lot in old age, to be surrounded and blessed with the most tender care and consideration from her daughters, Mattie Shipley and Sara M. Skiff, who for all the declining years of their mother have done all that children could do to make their mother happy and contented. It can be said that Mr. and Mrs. Skiff have been very much devoted to their mother and that while she has lived with them nothing has been spared to make her last days as cheerful and happy as possible. Mrs. Dean has been an invalid for many years and for about two years suffering from cancer of the breast, which finally terminated fatally, Dec. 12, but no aged mother was ever better cared and provided for by children than she.

Her departure was calm and serene amid all her suffering, which she accepted as she lived with love and Christian fortitude reflecting its grandeur at all times. She lived a Christian and did a Christian, with love for all and love from all, with a hope sincere of ever lasting peace and happiness in a world beyond. She was buried beside her husband and daughter in the Floral cemetery at Leighton, Allegan Co., Mich., on Monday, Dec. 14, the services being held at the Corning M. E. church, where she had worshipped since the organization of the church, conducted by R. V. Duane Freeman. A large concourse of mourning relatives and friends attended and followed her to her last resting place. The church was appropriately decorated and draped in mourning for a departed sister and her grave friends had tenderly covered and strewn with evergreens and fabrics, making her mortal remembrance softer to the friends' memory of their mother's final and eternal home.

**THE GOAL REACHED.**

**S. S. Bailey** Excited Over the New Peach

In an interview with S. S. Bailey on his return from a visit to Lowell to see the fruit man in peach bearing, that gentleman said that about twenty years ago he visited Lowell to see the new peach now called the Early Michigan and he was then so favorably impressed with the peach that he at once bought one hundred of them and has reaped a good reward. He thinks the Triumph peach has a future equal to the Early Michigan. The tree is hardy and healthy and an early bearer. The peach is a yellow freestone, ripening on matured trees with the Alexander. The fruit is very choice. The peach seems to possess the qualities of the Early Mich. of which it is a seedling and shows also prominently the qualities of the Barnard and Hill's Chiles. He saw trees bearing a few peaches, set in the spring of 1895. Mr. B. says great credit is due to N. P. Husted & Co. for introducing this new fruit. Their introducing of the Early Michigan peach, says Mr. Bailey, "has been worth thousands of dollars to Michigan fruit growers and the Triumph will prove equally as beneficial; such is the promise now. The trees now in bearing are on the farm of Dassel Blanding in Vergennes, who has a splendid tree not often get excited, but he is very enthusiastic over the Triumph peach. He picked out the Early Michigan to be a success and he now believes the Triumph to be the coming peach for an early yellow freestone and a money maker. See Harry Filkins at Middleville.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Dec. 12, 1896. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by Dec. 26, 1896.

Names: Claude Coppens Isaac McLaughlin Miss Celinda Frantz Miss Emma Heintz Miss Constantine Richmond Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.

DAVID MATTATSON, Postmaster.

Public Notice! When you want a cough cure ask to see Brant's Balsam. Your judgement will do the rest.

"It saved my wife's life." Charles Hammond, Eaton Rapids, Mich. It's the kind we warrant—25c.

J. W. ARMSTRONG, druggist.

**MUNYON'S COLD CURE**

Colds lead to coughs, coughs to pneumonia and consumption; therefore, it is all important to check a cold before it reaches the lungs. Munyon's Cold Cure will positively break a cold inside of twenty-four hours. Old colds, new colds and obstinate colds cured in a few hours. When the cold reaches the lungs or bronchial tubes the Cough Cure should be used alternately every half-hour with the Cold Cure. The Cold Cure is guaranteed to prevent pneumonia if used in the beginning of a cold. Pneumonia, or inflammation of the lungs, can be controlled by the use of these two cures.

A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial. Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Name and Residence.	Age.
Bead N. Fermer, Fruitville; Lillie L. Lindsey, same.	34-26
William H. Conley, Maple Grove; Nettie Austin, same.	25-25
Wm. E. Purvis, Guelph Ont.; Ella Hurst, Monroe, Wis.	23-25
Merrill H. Coats, Maple Grove; Kattie L. Coats, Assyria.	21-21

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

**STOUT LADIES.**

I am a trained nurse. Seven years ago my weight was reduced 35 lbs. by a harmless treatment; have not regained; health is perfect; will tell you how it was done. I have nothing to sell. Address with stamp Mrs. Kathryn A. Wagner, 611 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Tom Platt doesn't care who does the nominating so long as he confronts the election of New York's next senator.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 49-5

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Wheat (white).....	83
Rye .....	30
Corn, per bu. ....	25
Oats .....	20
Timothy .....	1 75
Flour (roller).....	2 60
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	19
Butter (dairy).....	13 14
Eggs.....	18
Chickens (feather dressed).....	6 64
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	9 1/2
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Veal calves (live).....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 75 3 00
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	3
Hides.....	4 5
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00 8 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00 6 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	75
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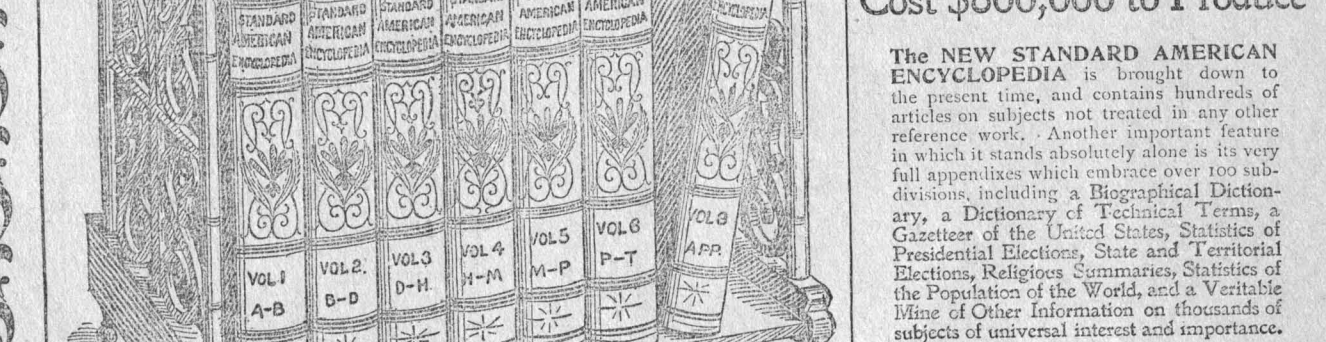
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SUPPLEMENT TO  
**The Middleville Sun.**  
December 17, 1896.

**PERSONAL POINTS.**

Rev. J. E. Moffit went to Bangor Saturday.

Hon. M. S. Keeler was in Kalamazoo yesterday.

J. R. Cook was in Grand Rapids on business, Friday.

G. L. Keeler is on a business trip to Chicago and Rockford, Ill.

Alfred Wright of Grand Rapids is in the village for a few days.

Frank D. Pratt was in Jackson the first of the week on business.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold of Lowell is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Combs.

Mrs. Hamilton Carveth, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mrs. R. T. French spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Linski returned to Kalamazoo Friday p. m., after a short visit with his family.

T. C. Winters of Grand Rapids, has been in the village on business for a couple of days.

Aaron Clark, J. E. Ackerson and J. W. Saunders were in the Valley City on business, Tuesday.

Attorney Vosper and wife of Ionia, have been guests of his sister, Mrs. Aaron Clark and family.

Miss Clara Tewksbury, who has been in poor health so long, has gone to Grand Rapids to consult with a lady physician.

Jesse Putnam returned last week Thursday from Ohio, where he has been working in the oil fields near Fostoria, the past year.

Rev. Wm. Ewing of Lansing, Supt. of the Cong'l Sunday School and Publishing Society, was a guest of Rev. H. Appleton, Friday last.

We notice by the U. of M. Daily that W. R. Harper of Middleville has been chosen chairman of the executive committee of the literary department of the freshman class.

Miss Effie Tower, teacher in the grammar school, left Tuesday noon for her home at Montague, where she will attend her parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, a family reunion and the holiday vacation. Miss Daisy Dowling is acting as supply teacher.

Mrs. R. E. Combs is slowly recovering from her long illness. Dr. Johnson of Grand Rapids came Saturday evening to consult with Dr. Rich and he was accompanied by a professional nurse, who is now giving Mrs. C. the very best of care, and the friends of Mrs. Combs are hoping to see her sitting up soon.

J. W. Saunders was in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Saturday.

Mrs. C. K. Cronk of Texas Mich., is in the village on a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. A. Foster of Niles, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Gogle, and will make an extended visit.

C. H. Hayter and family have located at LaJunta, Colo., where their household goods were shipped the fore part of the week. A letter from them says, Mrs. H's health is improving.

Mr. I. C. Winger of Middleville has been in the village a portion of this week.—Dr. and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. A. Batchelor visited at Oscar Hunt's at Bowen's Mills, Wednesday.—Wayland Globe.

Harry Filkins, an old resident of this village, now of Lake Odessa is in the village selling fruit and ornamental trees for the Lowell Nurseries. He is also disposing of territory for his patent threshold storm protector.

**WAYLAND WORKINGS.**

Saturday last while cutting wood, John Kidney had a very unfortunate accident. A saw was accidentally drawn across his leg, just above the knee, which cut a deep gash, nearly to the bone. Dr. Turner was called and dressed the wound.

The funeral of Mrs. H. Blowers, which was held Saturday, was largely attended by people from the surrounding towns.

A. R. Sooy moved into the Gillet house Saturday.

G. A. Mosher, H. K. Gleason, S. S. Sias and Luzern Hoyt were at Gun lake fishing and hunting, Saturday.

E. W. and F. E. Pickett are having burglar alarms put in their store buildings. F. D. Van is doing the work.

A new meat market opened Tuesday morning (Dec. 15) in the building formerly occupied by the People's drug store. Allen & Chamberlain, prop'rs.

The dedication of the new school building will take place Friday evening. Prominent educational men from all parts of the state will be present.

**YANKEE SPRINGS.**

J. H. Bowerman and wife were guests of Zell Courtney and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. Tinker has returned from Cloverdale after a four weeks' visit.

There will be a dance at Zell Courtney's, Friday evening of this week. Everybody invited.

J. P. Springer and wife were guests of relatives near Plainwell last week.

George Tidd returned home, Monday.

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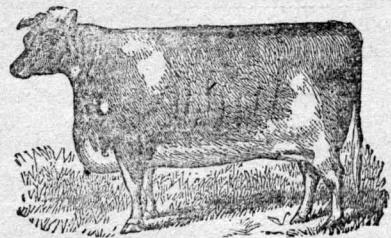
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Regular meeting of Star Chapter this week Friday evening.

Ivy Temple contemplate having public installment of officers, at which time the Grand Chief, Maude S. Hayes, of West Branch is expected to be present.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. French, Dec. 23. Current events, Mrs. French; reader, Mrs. Ferguson; spelling mistress, Mrs. Dietrich; critic, Mrs. Johnson; questions, Mrs. Hendrick; subject for quotations, Faith.

A meeting will be held in Parkhurst's hall Monday evening, Dec. 21, 1896, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Bimetallic Union. All who are interested in the work are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

By order of the Sec.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.**

Program for Christmas eve at the Baptist church by the Sunday school:

- Music.....School
- Prayer.....Rev. W. A. Biss
- Music.....Choir
- Recitation.....Charlie Biss
- Recitation.....Isaac S. Keeler
- Recitation.....Genevieve Biss
- Song with Mandolin.....Hazel Hendrick
- Recitation.....Willie McConnell
- Recitation.....Ralph Coats
- Recitation.....Marguerite Caldwell
- Music.....Choir
- Telephone to Santa Claus.....Mrs. Wilkinson's Class
- Song with Mandolin.....Genevieve Biss
- Recitation.....Lucile Wilkinson
- Recitation.....Walter Biss
- Picture Gallery—Living Pictures—Five Scenes—Tableaux.....School
- Song.....School

Bring your presents and everyone invited.

Program for Christmas exercises at the Congregational church:

- Voluntary.....Mrs. A. M. Gardner
- Song.....School
- Prayer.....Pastor
- Recitation.....Raymond Barrell
- Song.....Bessie Fullagar's Class
- Recitation.....Ross Armstrong
- Recitation.....Genevieve Bresser
- Song.....George Armstrong
- Solo and Chorus.....Nettie Southwick, Mrs. Otto's Class
- Recitation.....Hattie Spreen
- Recitation.....Clare Mattason
- Recitation.....Bessie Richards
- Song.....Linski Sisters with Guitar Accom.
- Recitation.....Bertha Jordan
- Recitation.....Annabelle Campbell
- Song.....School
- Recitation.....Mabel Hanlon
- Recitation.....Kitie McNaughton
- Recitation.....Mamie Mattason
- Solo and Chorus.....Gracie Dowling.

Misses Broughton and Southwick's Classes  
There will be a rustic bridge and two trees, from which presents will be distributed; and Santa Claus will be there, too.

Program for Christmas eve at the M. E. church by the Sunday school:

- Voluntary.....Mary Bristow
- Singing.....School
- Devotional.....Rev. F. N. Jones
- Anthem.....
- Greeting.....Maurice Gogle
- Recitation.....Veva Sprague
- Exercise.....Four Girls
- Recitation.....Maude Holcomb
- Solo.....LaVern Cobb
- Recitation.....Bessie Gibbs
- Recitation.....Bertha VanAtten
- Exercise.....Miss Stanford's Class
- Recitation.....Homer Rice

- Solo.....Glenna Clever
- Recitation.....Gladys Rouse
- Exercise.....Mrs. M. Baker's Class
- Recitation.....Perry Stanford
- Recitation.....Mina Benaway
- Song.....School
- Recitation.....Leon Green
- Exercise.....W. E. Webb's Class
- Recitation.....Ralph Moore
- Recitation.....Myrtle Wescott
- Recitation.....Alice McEwen
- Solo.....C. N. Webb
- Recitation.....Nellie Root
- Recitation.....Orley Wood
- Recitation.....Viola Baker
- Song.....School
- Recitation.....Belle Corson
- Recitation.....Ward Cisler
- Address.....Arthur Cridler
- Collection.....
- Distribution of Presents.....
- Benediction.....

Everyone is invited to bring their presents and listen to a good program.

**A SURPRISE.**

Last Thursday evening the M. E. choir met in their church parlors for practice and were enjoying themselves, as only a choir can do, when suddenly the door opened and about 85 of the church and Sunday school walked in upon them without so much as asking permission and in such a manner as to completely embarrass all members of the choir to such a degree that further singing was out of the question. They soon rallied, however, and soon the large company were enjoying themselves with various games and music, after which refreshments were served, consisting of doughnuts and coffee. The time passed quickly and soon the time to depart rolled around and they all felt that a most pleasant evening had been enjoyed. The choir, which has been a faithful one, wish to express their thanks to the many friends present, who so kindly appreciate the work they have done in the past, and hope that the coming year may be spent as pleasantly together as the past year.

**BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.**

The Baptist Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, Dec. 18. Business meeting at 4 p. m. Supper from 5 to 7 p. m. furnished by the first division: Mesdames Ackerson, Anni-son, Biss, Brown, Bray, Boorn, Chase, Coman. All are most cordially invited to tea.

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	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.....	7 00	6 00	11 00	7 10
Middleville.....	7 35	6 35	12 13	8 40
Hastings.....	7 52	6 57	12 40	9 30
Jackson Ar.....	9 50	9 00	3 40	5 20

Detroit Ar.....	12 20	11 20	7 10	...
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**WESTWARD BOUND**

STATIONS.	Exp	M'll	GR	Fr't
	D'y	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.....	6 15	1 40	10 25	4 05
Middleville.....	5 10	12 55	9 41	2 15
Hastings.....	4 40	12 30	9 19	1 03
Jackson Dep.....	1 30	10 40	7 30	7 10
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Detroit Dep.....	11 05	7 15	4 45	.....
	p m	a m	p m	

**Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.**

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION	Leave	Arrive
	Going North	From North
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	+ 7:45 am	+ 5:15 pm
Trav. City, Pet'ky & Mack	+ 2:15 pm	+ 6:30 am
Cadillac.....	+ 5:25 pm	+ 11:10 am
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car to Potosky and Mackinaw.		
Train leaving at 2:15 p. m. has sleeping car to Potosky and Mackinaw.		

SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	Going South	From South
Cincinnati.....	+ 7:10 am	+ 8:25 pm
Ft. Wayne.....	+ 2:00 pm	+ 1:55 pm
Cincinnati.....	+ 7:00 pm	+ 7:25 am
7:10 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.		
7:09 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

**MUSKEGON TRAINS.**

GOING WEST.	
Lv Grand Rapids.....	+ 7:35 am + 1:00 pm + 5:40 pm
Ar Muskegon.....	9:00 am 2:10 pm 7:05 pm
GOING EAST.	
Lv Muskegon.....	+ 8:10 am + 11:45 am + 4:00 pm
Ar Grand Rapids.....	9:30 am 12:55 pm 5:20 pm
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