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#### ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT.

The Tuscola County Courier, in speaking of the Caro branch extension, says:

"Word was received from Detroit Tuesday by a prominent business man that the directors of the Peninsular Sugar Refining Company had decided not to extend the Caro branch of the Michigan Central this spring. The information came from such good authority that the Courier is led to believe that such a decision has been reached. It will be remembered that the Michigan Central refused to make the extension, and that the directors of the Peninsular Sugar company decided to build the road if the Michigan Central would equip and operate it. An agreement was reached and a company organized, but for some reason it has been decided to lay the matter over for one year.

"The Courier was unable to have an interview with Charles Montague who is interested in the extension, therefore cannot give the information as positive. Caro people will greatly regret it, if such a decision has been reached. All have desired to see the Michigan Central extended and have

felt that it would be of great benefit to Caro. The surveyors who have been at work have been called to Detroit, which adds another reason why this season is being accepted by Caro people."

#### DEERING DELIVERY DAY

A Great Turnout of Farmers. Main Street Presented a Holiday Aspect.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for the Deering Harvester Company and their hustling local representative, Henry Wettlaufer. It was delivery day. The occasion was of more than passing importance, not only because our streets were lined with farmers who had come to get their machines for which they had contracted, but more especially because this was the first large delivery in this locality by the Deering people.

Messrs. Eddy, Porter and Everett, representatives of the Deering company, assisted by Mr. Wettlaufer, their local agent, did everything to make the occasion a success and right well did they succeed. When the machines were loaded on the sleighs, thirty seven in all, they all drove in a procession down to Main street, where a halt was made for dinner. Well arranged preparations had been made to entertain the people at the Sheridan Hotel. It was a jolly crowd and all entered into the spirit of the occasion and the liberal hospitality of the Deering Company was highly enjoyed. Photographer Maier took a picture of the scene and, no doubt, many of the interested farmers will secure one.

Mr. Wettlaufer is a first-class salesman. During the past few weeks he has made a remarkable record selling forty-two machines, which indicates much self-denial and good business tact. He expects to have another delivery day the latter part of April or the first of May.

The farmers of Michigan are now demanding protection from the fruit tree agents, and a bill has been introduced in the legislature requiring fruit tree agents to deposit security with the clerk of the county in which they desire to do business, guaranteeing that the trees are the varieties they are sold for and that they are bona fide agents of the companies they claim to represent.

## MORE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

Promoters of Electric Roads Are Plenty, But Give no Light as to Future Operation.

Town Board Met But Took no Action and Will Wait for Further Developments.

Cass City is known for its conservative ways of doing business. As yet no one has been able to bamboozle our authorities into granting privileges or franchises for something which no one seems to know what the outcome may be. This is very commendable and should be strictly adhered to in the future. Caro got her foot into it a few years ago by undue haste on the part of the village council. In speaking of this, the Tuscola County Courier makes the following sarcastic comments:

"The old franchise, granted by a crazy council to F. S. Wheat, bobs up serenely at every turn and makes it almost impossible to get anything like a satisfactory franchise. It will be remembered that a few years ago F. S. Wheat asked for a thirty years franchise for an electric line through the streets of Caro and hypnotized the council and it was granted. This franchise gave the promoter five years in which to commence operations and the franchise was for thirty years. Now each and every franchise has to contain a provision: 'Subject to the franchise granted Fred S. Wheat.'"

Cass City would be pleased to have an electric road but it must come from the right direction and be the means of building up the town generally. This view was taken by the township board last Friday at a meeting which was called for the purpose of considering the advisability of granting a franchise to N. M. Richardson of Caro, who represents a company of which John McNair of Pennsylvania is the moving spirit. Mr. Richardson asked for a franchise through the two main streets of our village. He does not know as yet which of the two streets his company would eventually use. It is stated that the road would run from Caro to Cass City and thence north and east to Bad Axe and Harbor Beach.

The township officers thought best to postpone further action until such a time when they could confer with the village council. This was a wise move and in the meantime our business men, and the farmers as well, will have time to think over the situation and act intelligently when the time comes for action.

Another project is on foot to build a road from Bay City to this place. The system would also include a road from Caro to Sebawaing, so it is said. The two roads would cross each other at Akron. The promoter of this scheme, a Mr. Cooper of Bay City, was in town last Wednesday and he promised to bring a committee here to confer with our people. Whether this gentleman has any capital to back up his proposition, we do not know.

Still another electric road on paper, which it is said, is heading this way, is the so-called Lovejoy road, which starts at Lenox, Macomb Co., and runs due north through Yale to Sanilac Centre, and thence to Argyle and Cass City. The editor of the Chronicle accidentally met Mr. Lovejoy the other day and was assured by that gentleman that all things are possible to him who believeth. Mr. Lovejoy is a large man from every point of the compass, and if an eloquent flow of language is an essential to building railroads, he certainly will succeed triumphantly. As far as Cass City is concerned, a conservative policy with a definite aim in view should be followed in the future. Let us look the ground over carefully and find out what we want; then go for it with a determination of winning out.

#### A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

On Saturday evening in the hospitable parlors of the New Sheridan, the teachers of the public schools entertained the members of the school board and their wives and the ministers and their wives at an informal reception in honor of Prof. and Mrs. Kyes. The guests were introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Kyes by Miss Margaret Campbell. During the evening the guests were entertained by a character game.

At ten o'clock the guests repaired to the dining hall where a dainty banquet was served. The tables were arranged in the form of a Greek cross and decorated with potted ferns. In compliment to Mr. Kyes the place cards were tied with the high school colors, blue and white. The guests

were seated by Miss Westland. O. K. James, toastmaster, introduced the speakers of the evening. The toasts were as follows: New Corners, Rev. Dr. Morgan; First Impressions, Prof. D. H. Kyes; Generalities, Rev. A. Torbet.

The reception was a splendid success, and Mr. and Mrs. Kyes were made to feel at home. The Chronicle joins in giving them a hearty welcome.

#### TWO CREDITABLE REPORTS.

Supt. Straube's Annual Report of the Electric Light and Water Work System Is O. K.

The last council meeting on Monday evening was of more than ordinary interest. Among the several items of business transacted were the reports of Street Commissioner Ramsey and Superintendent Straube of the Electric Light and Water Works System, which were presented and accepted with favorable comment.

Mr. Ramsey reported that for the year ending March 1, there had been expended for labor and material on streets the sum of \$103.03. One of the council men said it was the most economical report rendered by the street department for years.

Superintendent Straube's report made the council feel good. Under his wise management the lighting and water plant are now operated on a paying basis. The period of experimenting is past and everything connected with the system is conducted in a business-like way. For the benefit of the tax payers, we give the following summary of the report:

**INCOME FROM OPERATION OF THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM.**

For hydrants.....	\$150 00
For water service.....	341 14
For water supplies.....	21 97
For water tapping.....	20 00
Total income.....	\$1438 11

**OPERATING EXPENSE.**

Pumping.....	\$1090 87
Distributing.....	114 45
Total.....	\$1205 32

This makes a net income from operation of \$232.79.

**INCOME FROM OPERATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.**

From incandescent lights.....	\$2551 79
From arc lights.....	1200 00
From fixtures, material, etc.....	862 78
From coal.....	167 71
From amts. due for material.....	67 04
Total.....	\$4849 32

**EXPENSE.**

Manufacturing.....	\$2086 01
Distribution.....	627 32
General expense.....	271 17
Total.....	\$3884 50

Net income from operation 964 82

#### MANY CONTRACTS.

The Peninsular company's contracts now run up to nearly 4,000 acres for the coming campaign. This does not include the acreage which will be tributary to the Sebawaing factory and which when completed will be turned over to the Peninsular office at Caro. The Sebawaing contracts are principally those in the vicinity of Elkton Pigeon and Berne Junction, and if added to the contracts for acreage in that vicinity could now make a total showing of between 6,000 and 7,000 acres.

There seems to be some doubts as to the extension being in order for shipments for this campaign, and accordingly the Peninsular company has guaranteed a special rate of 50 cents to beet raisers along the P. O. & N. in the vicinity of Owendale, the regular rate being \$1.10 per ton. This is quite a showing for railroad shipments, and there will be no contracts made after March 1st for beets by wagons. There are now between 35 and 40 agents out, and it is supposed there will be not less than 10,000 acres contracted for the two factories for this campaign.—Sugar Beet

We trust all of our farmer readers who live adjacent to the P. O. & N. road, took notice O. K. James' letter in last week's Chronicle. It would be well for our farming community to look ahead. Beet culture is going to be an enormous factor in the Thumb. Cass City may secure a sugar factory yet, and no one would reap so much benefit from it as the farmers. Raise beets now and learn how to take care of them.

We hereby wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kind assistance rendered us by our neighbors and brother Odd Fellows during the final exodus of our faithful father.

HITCHCOCK FAMILY.

Twenty cords of green maple and beech wood wanted at \$1.30 at the office.

## AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICE

The Last Remains of J. L. Hitchcock Were Laid at Rest in Elkland Cemetery.

The Opera House, the Earthly Monument Erected by this Honored Citizen, Filled with People.

Last Sunday was a dreary day. The heavens were covered with dark gray clouds from which shot forth angry gusts of wind and snow. The winter birds seemed to shun the chilly winds and did not venture out in quest of food. Even the trees on yonder hillside looked more naked and forsaken. Only for the occasional peals of the church bells, and the songs of hope and joy which sprang forth from the souls of earnest worshippers at the various temples dedicated to God, intermingled with an occasional ray of sunlight beaming forth through the broken clouds, there would have been nothing to indicate that it was the Lord's day—a day of peace on earth and good will to all men.

On this mournful day our citizens went forth to pay the last tribute of respect to one who was gentle, genial and irreproachable in every relation in life and whose demise is a personal loss to the community.

Before J. L. Hitchcock passed away it was his request that the funeral service should be held at the opera house, which stands as an honor to his public spirit and enterprise. The service was held under the auspices of Cass City Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., who were accompanied by the Venus Lodge No. 254. Undertaker McKenzie was conductor, and Rev. A. Torbet preached the sermon. Dr. Morgan read a scripture lesson and offered the prayer. The service was interspersed with several selections rendered by a double quartette, which was composed of O. K. James, W. A. Fairweather, J. C. Seeley, Miss Nellie Westland, Mrs. Dr. Wickware, Nellie Perkins and Laura Wickware.

Pastor Torbet took for his text, "What is man?" from which he preached a scholarly and comforting discourse. The trend of his thought was a refutation of both the materialistic and the sentimental spiritualistic philosophy of today. For lack of space we are only able to give a brief outline of the sermon as follows:

1. What is man?  
Man is the only creature on earth that thinks about what he is, and not all men think the same. The materialist says that man is a marvelous combination of oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, which three gases and carbon make up 96 per cent of the total weight of the human body. The other 4 per cent are made up of calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, chlorine.

#### SEBWAING TO HAVE A FACTORY.

The following bit of news appeared in the Detroit Free Press the other day:

Early in the fall Messrs. Joy & Lee of Detroit, together with Montague, Starke and other capitalists comprising the Peninsular Sugar Co., of Caro, notified the business men of Sebawaing if they would secure 4,000 acres of beet contracts and secure the right of way for fifteen miles between Caro and Sebawaing they would not only secure the extension of the Caro branch of the Michigan Central railroad to Sebawaing, but would erect at the latter place one of the largest sugar factories in the state. The acreage was secured and \$9,000 pledged for the right of way. Much correspondence was indulged in but the project was procrastinated by the Peninsular people until the patience of Sebawaing became strained, and last week the local committee of that village came to Saginaw and arranged with Wm. V. Penoyer, of this city; E. Nelson, of Cheboygan, and W. H. Boutell, all stockholders of the Saginaw Sugar Company, to act in conjunction with J. C. Liken, C. W. Liken, C. F. Bach and R. Martini of Sebawaing, and erect a sugar at Sebawaing. The site, containing thirty-seven acres, lying east of the tracks of the S. T. & L. division of the Pere Marquette railroad, was purchased, the money paid over and the deed filed with the Sebawaing Sugar Refining Company, which is the name of the new corporation. Owing to the delay which had occurred through failure of negotiations with the Caro people, it was decided not to begin the building of the Sebawaing factory until early next fall, when the work will begin and the factory be erected and ready for work in the fall of 1901. The Saginaw gentlemen possessed a substantial forfeit as a guarantee

of good faith and Sebawaing is now assured of a sugar factory within the next fourteen months. The 4,000 acres of beet contracts secured by the Sebawaing committee were turned over to the Saginaw Sugar Company and the product will be manufactured in the Saginaw factory this fall. These additional contracts gives the Saginaw factory an acreage large enough to run the plant to its full capacity.

#### A WEEK OF MOURNING.

Death Enters Three Homes and Summoned From Our Midst a Husband and Two Mothers.

Again we are reminded of the forceful utterances of the sacred writer who said: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Whatever man's religious faith may be, there is no room for dogmatical arguments in the above quotation. Death is a stern reality and is no respecter of persons or conditions. This lesson we are caught again by the demise of one of our most public spirited citizens, William H. Hebblewhite, and that of two devoted mothers, Mrs. Frank Herr and Mrs. John Fisher.

WILLIAM H. HEBBLEWHITE, one of the best known business men in this vicinity, who has been closely associated with many interests of Cass City, passed quietly away at his home about 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hebblewhite was born, Jan. 10, 1860, in Armada, Macomb Co. From his youth up he was energetic, and after learning the wholesome lessons of farm life, he secured a position as clerk in the store of D. Lathrop at Armada, where he laid the foundation for his future business career. After a time he struck out for himself and clerked in Alpena, and Alton, Ill. In 1884, he came to Cass City and entered in partnership with his brother-in-law, W. I. Frost, and together they have conducted a general merchandise business up to the time of his death. Mr. Hebblewhite was a general favorite among his associates. Although an ardent partisan in politics, he was highly esteemed by all classes of men. He had the elements of a leader and as such made his influence felt in the community.

The village and township has honored him at different times with positions of trust. He has filled the position of councilman, village clerk, treasurer, township clerk and treasurer with great credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of the people.

About a year ago he was taken sick, but after a time was able to attend to his work again. Alas, it was only of short duration. Instead of gaining his former health, he kept gradually going down until only a few months ago he went to Mt. Clemens for treatment but of no avail. In company with his faithful wife and brother, only two or three weeks ago, he came back home to die. He is now at rest. He leaves a deeply afflicted wife, three brothers, George, Walter and Arthur, also two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Frost and Mrs. Chas. Lathrop, and other relatives to mourn his early departure. His brothers and the one sister, Mrs. Lathrop live at Armada. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 1 p. m. at the Presbyterian church, and his remains laid to rest in Elkland cemetery.

MRS. JOHN FISHER. Katherine Fisher, the beloved wife of John Fisher, passed from the trials of this life to her eternal rest early Thursday morning, at the age of 71 years, 5 months and 3 days. About ten days ago she was taken sick with the grippe, which developed into pneumonia, from which she succumbed. She was a devoted and a deeply religious lady, had a large circle of relatives and friends here and there because of her mother's chair during her illness. She leaves a husband and a family of grown children—two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Laudren—two daughters, and three sons and Mary Fisher, of Columbus, and Harry, who resides at Akron. The interment takes place from some next Sunday afternoon.

MRS. HERR. Mrs. Hannah C. Knolly Herr was born in Hanover, Germany, Dec. 3, 1853 and departed this life, March 4, 1901. She was married to Frank Herr Dec. 12, 1870, in Canada, where they lived one year, then spent ten years in Indiana, and Cass City has since been their home. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and her funeral was held there Wednesday, the lady Maccabees attending. Of her fourteen children, five sons and five daughters remain to mourn with their father her death in the midst of her years when she could be so fully spared, she will be greatly missed.